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Around the Army**Iraq:**

The European Stars and Stripes reported May 10 that Troops with the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment have been their own saying for laying the smack down on the enemy: "bringing the Scunion on them."

The phrase comes from the name "Route Scunion," a road where U.S. troops are often hit by roadside bombs. "It's kind of like his little catchphrase, for when we're bringing the heat on somebody, we're going to 'bring the Scunion,'" said the battalion's senior intelligence officer.

U.S. and Iraqi troops "bring the Scunion" to the enemy with great frequency.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the European and Pacific theaters, visit www.eastripes.com on the Web.

Fort Detrick:

The Standard reported April 27 that the post gas station would begin changing the fuel it provides to ethanol-blended fuel beginning May 1.

Gas tanks at AAFES gas stations must be allowed to run out of gasoline before being filled with the new fuel so they can be checked for the presence of water. If water is detected, it must be removed and the tank dried before ethanol-mixed gasoline can be stored in the tank.

That could lead to some "Out of Fuel" signs on some of the tanks, for short durations.

Ethanol will also reduce fuel efficiency by a few miles per gallon. AAFES expects customers will complain about that.

It was unclear what effect the change would have on gas prices on post.

For more on this story and other Fort Detrick, Md., news, visit www.dcmilitary.com/army/standard/ on the Web.

Japan:

The Torii reported May 10 that Camp Zama Community mayors and high rise coordinators gathered to discuss issues May 4 during a quarterly meal luncheon at the Camp Zama Community Club Garden Room.

During the luncheon, a number of community life topics were discussed, including reduction of the summer hire program budget from 40 to 20 hours per week and student vandalism at bus stops.

For more on this and other U.S. military news in Japan, visit www.torii.army.mil/ on the Web.

Fort Bliss:

The Monitor reported May 4 that 1st Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery, conducted a motorcycle safety "refresher" class for its Soldier-bikers as a way of trying to keep them safe.

The event included a presentation by an El Paso motorcycle police officer on motorcycle safety and a small obstacle course for the riders.

For more on this story and other Fort Bliss, Texas, news, visit www.lavenpublishing.com/fortblissmonitor.html on the Web.

Companies form for new mission

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer

As part of the new military transition team mission at Fort Riley, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, activated six 10-man companies April 28 during a reor-

ganization and activation ceremony. Companies D, I, K, L, M and N will train transition teams who will then have the "critical task" of training the Iraqi Army, said Col. Burt Howard, 3rd Brigade Combat Team commander at the time. Howard has since relin-

quished command of the brigade. Lt. Col. Frank Zachar, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., commander, said his heart got a little clinched up because of all that's happening within his battalion.

"It's a huge movement in this battalion; it's a huge movement in our Army today, and it kind of

chokes me up to feel that, as an 'Iron Ranger,' we're part of this thing," he said.

Zachar said Soldiers have been moved around to produce two large security force companies. Companies B and D are scheduled to deploy in late summer or early fall of this year.

"Those companies are destined for future fields, distant fields," he said.

The remainder of the battalion will stay with the six new companies, Zachar said.

The battalion's Company A is

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Face change



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Construction crews work on permanent barracks buildings at Camp Funston April 19.

Camp Funston grows quickly

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

"What I tell you is being planned today will probably be different tomorrow," emphasized Ted Irwin, chief of the Reserve Component Support Division. "This is a work in progress and things change almost daily," he said.

Irwin's temporary office sits in the middle of a massive construction project covering Camp Funston, south of Huebner Road near the Ogden, Kan., gate, with some permanent facilities and a whole lot more "relocatable" structures being put up



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primarily to house Soldiers coming to Fort Riley for training periods of varying lengths.

Four permanent pre-fabricated billets are well under construction, as are two motor pools. That's only part of what Fort Riley needs and expects to get eventually to house training Soldiers at Camp Fun-

ston, said Mike Goreham, chief of the Master Planning Division, Directorate of Public Works.

Permanent facilities being built now will house about half a battalion of Soldiers, Goreham said. The plan is to have enough permanent structures to house up to three battalions of people. Additional permanent facilities are expected to be funded and come sometime in fiscal year 2008 or 2009, Goreham said.

A battalion set of buildings would include four barracks, a dining facility, a battalion headquarters building, company

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Unit earns Army honor

Wartime maintenance effort lauded

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer

The 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, earned distinction recently for having one of the best maintenance programs in the U.S. Army.

The battalion was named runner-up in the large Modified Table of Organization and Equipment category in the Army's annual Maintenance Excellence Awards. The 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery, at Fort Bliss, Texas, won in that category.

Capt. Paul E. Deegan, battalion motor officer, and Sgt. 1st Class Dion G. Burch, who served as Company C maintenance supervisor while the battalion was stationed in Iraq, will travel to Alexandria, Va., May 18 to accept the award.

The battalion received the award based on accomplishments achieved during its yearlong deployment in Iraq. Deegan said the application was submitted in October.

Winning the award is a fairly big deal, Deegan said, and the Soldiers were pleased that their accomplishments were recognized.

"My motivation was to recognize the NCOs (noncommissioned officers) and Soldiers in the battalion because they really got the work done," Deegan said. "They did an outstanding job while we were there."

Burch said it was a great honor to be selected because a lot of time and energy went into the project. This was the second time he

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'Toy Soldier' serves in DC

Sergeant likes idea of being action figure

By Sara Wood
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — When insurgents attacked Army Sgt. Tommy Rieman's reconnaissance squad near the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq Dec. 3, 2003, Rieman acted on his instincts as a leader.

With the convoy under heavy fire from rocket-propelled grenades, improvised explosive devices and small arms, Rieman used his body as a shield to protect his gunner and returned fire. The "Humvees" the squad were traveling in did not have doors, so Rieman suffered two bullet wounds and 11 shrapnel wounds.

A Soldier in the rear vehicle lost his right leg.

Rieman directed the convoy off the road, out of the kill zone, only to be attacked by another, smaller group of insurgents. Rieman led his men to return fire, and the enemy's weapons were silenced. Rieman then called for a medical evacuation helicopter.

For his actions that day, Rieman was awarded a Silver Star in August 2004 at Fort Bragg, N.C. Two years later, Rieman, who is now an administrative assistant for the Army personnel office in the Pentagon, is being honored in another, unique way. He will soon be appearing on video-game

screens and in toy boxes around the country.

Rieman is among the first participants in the "America's Army: Real Heroes" program that aims to honor Soldiers who have shown heroism in the war on terror. Participants will have their lives and military stories recounted in "America's Army," the Army's video game for personal computers and console systems. The Soldiers' likenesses are also being made into plastic action figures.

"I think it's a great project," Rieman said. "It lets people know exactly what we're doing, and

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'Devil Brigade' welcomes Ingram as commander



Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy (left), commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), and Fort Riley, passes the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, colors to its new commander, Col. Jeff D. Ingram at a change of command May 3. See stories on page 11.

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Soldier guilty of drug offense

On May 1, Pvt. Fredrick Fisher Jr. was tried at a General Court-Martial and found guilty of failing to go to his appointed place of duty on two occasions and wrongfully distributing cocaine on three occasions.

The military judge sentenced him to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for three years and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

MPs clear bomb threat

Fort Riley's military police found no evidence of a bomb after a sweep of three buildings on Main Post the afternoon of May 4, said Staff Sgt. Gregory Andrews of the Provost Marshal's Office.

The sweep was conducted after emergency personnel responded to a bomb threat around 2:30 p.m. at Building 303.

About 100 personnel from three buildings were evacuated immediately following the threat, Andrews said.

The incident is under investigation.



Post/Stairrett
Col. Bart Howard (left), then 1st Brigade commander, and Lt. Col. Frank Zachar, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., unfurl a guidon for the newly activated Co. N April 28.

Companies

in the Horn of Africa supporting Operation Enduring Freedom by performing counter-terrorism missions and foreign internal defense training, Howard said.

"It's hard to believe," he said. "We're there, we're on the ground."

Great things are on the horizon for the battalion, Zachar said after outlining the history of 1st Bn., 16th Inf. The battalion was created in May 1861, was one of four original infantry regiments used to create the 1st Infantry Division in 1917 and the first to engage the enemy in World War I.

The recent mission change means that even more history is being added to the battalion, something that chokes Zachar up and makes him proud at the same

time.
"In some cases it's very difficult personally, professionally for many Soldiers here to watch Soldiers leave, but it's also very rewarding to be part of an activation and have new Soldiers come on board to create six new companies," Zachar said.

"Don't underestimate these missions, Security Force will be tough. It will require discipline, stamina, training, but I know you're up to the task," Howard said. "When people see you, they will see the patch on your uniform and you'll be proud to say that you're from the 16th Regiment, and that will mean a lot."

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has been included in a Maintenance Excellence Award. He was in the 1st Battalion, 81st Armor, at Fort Knox, Ky., which won the award several times.

"For the battalion (1st Bn., 34th Armor), it shows the teamwork, determination and sweat that were put into accomplishing this," he said.

The Maintenance Excellence Award covers all aspects of unit maintenance, including systems for ordering parts, annual and semi-annual vehicle services plans, operations readiness rates, vehicle maintenance, weapons maintenance and other non-maintenance-related quality of life issues for Soldiers in the maintenance platoon.

Those issues include self-help programs, personnel recognition programs, community projects, communications, humanitarian projects and support to families.

The award's application packet was compiled in Iraq and submitted to the battalion's Iraq headquarters, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. A packet also was submitted to the battalion's regular headquarters at Fort Riley. The application sent to Fort Riley

Other achievements:

- A 96 percent operational readiness rate during the deployment, in spite of numerous vehicles damaged by improvised explosive devices.

- A zero percent Army Oil Analysis Program deficiency rate, in spite of being forward deployed.

- Zero percent calibration delinquencies on all property while deployed.

- Battalion standard was to have all battle-damaged vehicles repaired and back on the road within 24 hours of being hit, which was accomplished in all but the most extreme cases.

- The battalion's maintenance platoon completed more than 14,000 quality assurance/quality checks prior to allowing vehicles to go on combat patrols. More than 10,000 faults were corrected, more than 340 annual/semi-annual vehicle services were performed and 216 vehicle recovery missions in the sector were executed.

- Created a protective sleeve around a portion of the M1114 body wiring harness to add longevity of the wiring harness.

was the one that advanced to III Corps, FORSCOM and eventually to Department of the Army.

Deegan, who returned from Iraq Jan. 19, learned in mid-April that the battalion won runner-up honors.

The 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, vehicle fleet in Iraq consisted of more than 40 M1A1 Abrams tanks,

about five M1064A3 mortar tracks, about 15 M113A2 Armored Personnel Carriers, about 55 M1114 "Humvees" and about 150 support wheeled vehicles.

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Online education: Good deal or not?

Fort Riley bans company's sales reps; company founder refutes claims it duped customers

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Service or scam? A consolidated complaint prepared by Capt. Nicholas Anderson, a legal assistance attorney in the Fort Riley Office of the Staff Judge Advocate describes the business practices of ALS Online as "deceptive and unethical."

Mark Jones, ALS Online founder and president said his company and its practices are anything but that.

Jones received a certified letter March 17 from Col. Thomas Smith, Fort Riley garrison commander, barring ALS Online and its agents from post "in order to protect the safety, security and good order and discipline of the installation."

The decision to bar the company was based on more than seven formal complaints made against the company and the recommendation of the Fort Riley Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board.

"It's a privilege to be on post, not a right," Anderson said. In the consolidated complaint, Anderson cites several reasons for requesting the company be barred:

"ALS Online first tricks Soldiers into allowing an ALS salesperson to visit their quarters. ALS Online then sells Soldiers a product they do not need, that does not do what it purports to do, at an extremely high price."

"ALS Online next forces Soldiers to waive all of their consumer rights."

"Finally, ALS Online denies its customers any opportunity to try the product before the cancellation window closes."

"I'm very hurt," Jones said about the allegations against his company. "It's taken a toll on me because I've been doing business out at that area since 1986."

Jones said he's never had a problem before and then, after getting the "five complaints," all of the sudden his company is said to be deceiving people.

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Lindsey Smutz said she decided to sign up for ALS Online's program because the sales representative told her she could receive college credits from any university she chose and she could study at home for the CLEP exams. Those credits would be added to her transcript if she passed with a specified score, even if the person taking the test was not attending classes in the subject.

Because Smutz already had credits from a Kansas university, she would be able to stay home with her baby and was told by a friend that classes and tests on post weren't free, she decided to sign up.

The ALS Online Web site states that "After your enrollment has been confirmed, you will receive your online classroom login information within five business days." Smutz signed up for the program with a sales representative at her home on June 23, 2005. She received her password via email on Aug. 15, 2005, Jones said.

"I don't remember exactly how it's supposed to go, but it took forever to get a password or do anything," Smutz said. "It (the password) wouldn't work. I tried

starting in August and it didn't work, I got frustrated, so I just quit."

In response to Smutz's statement that she wasn't able to log into classes, Jones said, "If you're familiar with the Internet it could be working on my end and not working on your end. So, it may be an isolated incident, but it's not an issue."

"If a customer calls us and lets us know they're having some technical issues, then my staff will address the issue immediately."

"Some-times, again, the Internet is defective in some areas of the country or whatever. Our servers are very stable and a prospect or a student is able to access our Web site 24-7."

Smutz said she decided to try to sign up for classes again in October. She said she didn't receive any more information from the company until November when she received an e-mail thanking her for registering for college algebra.

"Believe me," she said, "ask anyone who knows me. That is the last class I would go try to take. It wouldn't let me into any of the classes, I couldn't figure it out."

Smutz said she got frustrated and didn't know what to do. "I felt like I'd been screwed, honestly, and I didn't know how to get out of it."

"Now that's literally impossible," Jones said about Smutz being signed up for a class without her knowledge.

"You have to make a concentrated effort in order to be enrolled in a classroom. It's not a difficult process, but it's not a click and you know there's confirmations involved when they go in to enroll in a classroom," he said.

When Smutz's husband, Ronald, returned home from his deployment to Iraq, he noticed he was paying for the classes through an allotment from his check and that she wasn't taking them.

Ronald said he noticed the high interest rate and tried to call the company several times after Smutz had been unable to reach anyone. When signing up for the service, Smutz said the representative told her he would return to pick up a copy of her power of attorney, which he needed to start the allotments. Because he never returned to pick it up, Smutz thought the agreement might not be valid. After trying for several

days, Ronald finally got through to a company representative but said he was told the agreement was valid and the couple would have to pay for the service.

In her statement to the Staff Judge Advocate's office, Smutz wrote that her husband told the company the

couple didn't need the services because they were able to take college courses for free through the military and that the company had not received his power of attorney, which they said was needed before they could begin allotments.

"Their response was that I signed as a co-applicant/buyer making it a valid agreement and that if my husband wanted to dispute further he should go to JAG about me for fraudulent use of his signature," Smutz wrote.

The couple decided to file a complaint with the JAG office to see if there was anything they

could do about ending their agreement with ALS Online. "I really feel like they cheated their way into the agreement," Ronald said.

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About a month before Smutz signed up for the online program, Brittney and Weston Huberty signed an agreement with ALS Online for a set of books to help them prepare for the CLEP examinations.

Brittney said she was hesitant to sign the agreement, but the representative made it sound like it was now or never.

The agreement states that the Hubertys would have three days to change their mind. The three-day "cooling-off period" is a federal law that provides consumers a three-day window in which they can cancel door-to-door purchases.

"Three days isn't long

enough," Brittney said. "I didn't get any of the books until almost a month later, so you wouldn't know until you'd gone through everything and figured out it was a rip off."

"We're just simply following the law," Jones said when asked if he thought the

three-day period was enough. The three-day period excludes holidays and Sundays, he added.

Brittney used the study materials and took the humanities CLEP test. She scored 45 points of the 50 needed

to pass the test. The quizzes in the back of the study book had nothing to do with the study material and none of it had anything to do with the actual test, she said.

After taking the test, Brittney said she was told at the testing center that there had been a lot of problems with the company and several people suggested filing a complaint with the SJA office.

She said she decided to seek legal assistance because the program was "a rip-off."

"Well maybe you had a bad day," Jones said of Brittney's assessment of the book's usefulness in preparing her for the test. "Just because one person fails the test doesn't mean something's wrong with the course."

In June 2005, ALS switched from the books to their online program, but Jones said military education centers carry the exact same study books he sold up until June. The Fort Riley Academic Resource Center has older copies of the books, printed by Comex Systems, Inc., but carries current copies of CLEP study books from Arco and Barron's. The same books sold by ALS are available on Amazon.com for about \$17 per book.

Other issues with the company brought up in the consolidated complaint

include:

• **ALS representatives claim to be representatives from the Fort Riley Education Center in order to gain an invitation into Soldiers' homes.**

Response: "Absolutely not," Jones stated. "All appointments were invitation only, and if they decided to enroll in the program after they received the information, on our paperwork the customer has to initial and sign a document saying that we in fact did not say we were with or affil-

iated with the military or the education center. And, of course, we have all that documentation that was signed by the prospect."

• **ALS charges an interest rate of 19.5 percent to many prospects despite the fact that the contract states Kansas residents will pay no more than 18 percent interest.**

Response: "I know of one specifically," Jones said. "We ... contacted the

finance company and they adjusted the interest rate and immediately dispersed a check out to the prospect."

• **Customers of ALS Online are misled into signing ALS Online's 'Statement of Customer Understanding,' which is little more than an unethical attempt to have the customers waive virtually all of their consumer protection rights. No legitimate business would ask customers to sign a document such as the 'Statement of Customer Understanding' unless the business provides poor-quality products or services.**

Response: "That's, of course, a total misunderstanding," Jones said. "I've been in this business for 20 years, and I've seen other companies that have misrepresented this product and so I stand apart from those companies that misrepresent."

Jones said other companies misrepresent themselves by claiming to be a part of the military education center, but that he puts it all "in black and white in the form of text, again with conviction."

"If we're doing poor business," Jones continued, "I wouldn't have it. That is a statement of a company saying 'hey, we want to make sure you understand what we're doing and I as the owner want you to initial telling me that you understand exactly what we represent.'"

Jones said a lot of companies are no longer around because they didn't have a statement like that. It would have been contradictory to what they were saying, he said.

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"Since we don't say those things, we proudly put it in text to let all of our consumers know that this is what ALS Online in this particular market stands for," he added.

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Besides warnings posted on Fort Riley's Web site and several other military installation sites, the College Board Web site, the non-profit company that administers CLEP tests offers this advice to service members on its Web site:

"Before you buy any CLEP prep service, check with your education services officer. He or she may have heard about the company from other service members and may have records of past problems or successes. Also, your ESO should have good, current information about legitimate and useful prep methods and sources. Your local Better Business Bureau may have free information about a company — be sure to check with them."

Several complaints against ALS Online have been filed with the Better Business Bureau and the Kansas attorney general's office.

After receiving the letter barring his company and its representatives from post, Jones had three days to appeal the decision in writing. The letter was dated March 10. Jones received the letter on March 17.

"I was doomed before I ever got the letter," Jones said. "I had until March the 13th to appeal the letter. I received it on March 17."

Anderson said the 72 hours actually begins when the letter is received, so, excluding the weekend, Jones had until March 21 to appeal the decision.

The one problem the post will have with barring the company's agents from post, said Maj. Michelle Hansen, chief of administrative law, is that the post doesn't know the names of the company's agents.

If Soldiers know a person from the company is on post, they can contact the military police who will send a patrol to escort the individual off the installation and make sure they don't come back. They can also be charged with criminal trespass, she added.

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Fort Riley Education Centers

Education Services provides a single source for information on all education and training programs on Fort Riley. Center No. 1 — Building 7604 Parker St. on Custer Hill Phone: 239-9485 Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday Center No. 2 — Building 7656 Graves St. on Custer Hill Phone: 239-9824 Hours: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Main Post — Building 217 Custer Ave. Phone: 239-6481 Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

U.S. NCOs: News about Iraq incorrect, in their view

By Jim Garamone
AFPS

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq — It's the e-mails and calls from home that gave the Soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division their first clue that something is becoming different about the will of the American people.

"All this time I thought we were winning," said a sergeant first class sarcastically. "Seems folks back home have already run up the white flag."

Some 4th Inf. Div. noncommissioned officers were discussing the flood of e-mails they receive from family members and friends about the constant danger they are facing in Iraq. Though they asked not to be identified by name, the NCOs said they believe

the news media highlight explosions and murders over any sign of progress in Iraq.

"I see progress every time I go outside the wire," said a platoon sergeant. "Just look at the progress the Iraqi army has made."

The NCOs, many with years of infantry experience, said the Iraqi army has made tremendous strides since standing up just two years ago. The difference between the Iraqi National Guard that first stood up in the aftermath of the fall of Saddam Hussein and today's Iraqi army is night and day, said an NCO who served with the 101st Airborne Division in 2003's initial combat in Iraq.

He said the old Iraqi military hardly even fired its weapons. "We joked that

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the safest place to be was where they were aiming," he said.

But today's Iraqi army has developed the professional warrior ethos needed to be an effective fighting force. The men said the Iraqi NCOs are taking charge of their units and tending to 'NCO business.'

"In the old army, being an NCO just meant you were paid more," said an

NCO. Now the Iraqi NCOs are serious about training their troops and ensuring they are cared for.

One NCO spoke about an incident in Baghdad that the Iraqi army handled without any help from the Coalition. "There was a (car bomb) attack and the Iraqis handled it," he said. The Iraqi soldiers rushed to the scene, delivered aid to those wounded, cordoned off the area and searched it for other threats, and secured the site while Iraqi police conducted the investigation.

This is not to say there aren't problems, the NCOs said. While the Iraqi army has made tremendous progress, the Iraqi police — especially the local police — have a long way to go. But they're continuing to make progress, the NCOs said.

The special police units — now called the national police — are almost as professional as the military, the NCOs said. And the young recruits to the local police understand what is required of them and have embraced the training. "If that continues when they get on the street is the test," an NCO said.

These U.S. NCOs are not ready to leave Iraq, and they resent suggestions that they aren't doing good in this weary country.

"I have yet to speak to (an American) here who thinks we're losing," an NCO said. "Trust me, (No Soldier) wants to be here, but no one wants to leave and run either."

"Leaving would just send the wrong signal to our enemies," he said.



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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

May 14 is Mother's Day. What is your fondest memory of your mother or what lesson did she teach you about life?



"The fondest memories I have of my mother was her helping me to learn to read, doing homework with me at night and reading to me."

Maj. Andrew Attar
Assist. professor of military science
Missouri Western State University
Home: Fort Leavenworth, Kan.



"My mother taught me not to take anything too serious. She was really supportive. She's always been there."

Angelique Beasley
Sophomore
Kansas State University
Home: Dearborn, Mich.



"My mother taught me to never give up in life. She came from Mexico and wanted to start her own business. She went to college on her own and has had her business for nine years."

Pfc. Vanessa Bernal
Co. A, 610th Brigade Support Bn.
Automated logistics specialist
Home: San Antonio



"My mother taught me to stand up for what I believe in and be my own person. My father passed at a young age and she took over all the family responsibility."

Chief Warrant Officer Eric Dixon
HSC, 1st Engineer Battalion
Property Book Officer
Home: Chicago



"My mother taught me to always work hard, to be the best at whatever I do. She worked three jobs to support me and my sister. She bought a home on her own."

Spc. Elberth Vasquez
Automated logistics specialist
Co. A, 610th Brigade Support Bn.
Home: Newark, N.J.

Next week's question:

If you had the authority to change one thing at Fort Riley, what would that be and why should it be changed?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

Uncle Sam wants all Soldiers to vote

Civic responsibility

By Mark Malcolm
Voting assistance officer

As Soldiers, we are charged with defending the rights of all Americans. Few rights are more central to our republic than the right to vote. Unfortunately, too many of our citizens – including Soldiers – fail to exercise this right. They complain that voting is time-consuming and inconvenient. By not casting a ballot, they forfeit the chance to shape their government.

Congress passed the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act in order to make it easier for servicemembers to participate in the democratic process. That act led to the creation of the Federal Voting Assistance Program that safeguards the voting rights of active duty personnel and their eligible family members.

The FVAP Web site, www.fvap.gov, is a virtual one-stop shop for Soldiers and eligible dependents who want to exercise their right to vote. As we head into a busy election season, you can use the Web site to find primary election dates, state-specific guidance, absentee ballots and much more.

Following are answers to some common military voter questions. For more information, visit www.fvap.gov, or call 239-3117.

Q: Where is my 'legal voting residence'?

A: Your legal voting residence can be the state or territory where you last resided prior to entering military service or the state or territory you have since claimed as your legal residence.

Even though you may no longer maintain formal ties to that residence, the address determines your proper district, ward, precinct or parish for voting purposes.

To claim a new legal residence, you must simultaneously have physical presence and the intent to return to that location as your primary residence.

Soldiers and their family members may change their legal residence every time they change permanent duty stations, or they may retain their legal residence without change. Family members may have a different legal voting residence than the service member.

You should consult a legal assistance attorney before you change your legal residence, because there are often other factors besides voting that need to be considered.

Q: Can I vote in person where I am stationed?

A: Servicemembers generally vote absentee. However, as indicated earlier, Soldiers may vote in the state or territory where they are stationed if they change

their legal residence to that state or territory. This is true even if they live on a military installation.

Note that you may incur taxes and other legal obligations if you change your state or territory of residence. Therefore, you should consult a legal assistance attorney before making such a decision.

Q: Can my family members who are not in the military also vote absentee?

A: Eligible family members of military personnel are entitled to vote absentee. Family members are considered to be in the same absentee voter category as servicemembers, and should generally follow the same procedures.

Editor's note: A portion of the above information was taken from the Absentee Voting Frequently Asked Questions section of www.fvap.gov.

Awareness may curb motorcycle deaths

For your safety

By Tony O'Bryen
U.S. Forces Command

He loved it, he really did, he loved the Army... and to lose a Soldier like that... it makes a difference."

Sgt. Alvin Clark is not talking about someone who died during support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; he is talking about a Soldier, a comrade, a friend, lost while operating a motorcycle.

Motorcycle accidents claimed the lives of 11 Soldiers in April. According to statistical data on the Combat Readiness Center's Web site, 53 motorcycle accidents have resulted in 24 Class A accidents since Oct. 1 of last year.

Class A accidents are those resulting in a fatality or permanent disability.

These are not accidents by the Army's youngest members; more than 70 percent of Class A motorcycle accidents this fiscal year involved military personnel over the age of 25.

The Army's Combat Readiness Center and installation safety

offices are working to raise motorcycle safety awareness for Soldiers.

"Safety is a life long commitment. It's not just the Army safety office's responsibility to heighten safety awareness... it's everyone's responsibility," said Master Sgt. Carolyn Williams. Williams is the motorcycle safety noncommissioned officer at the FORSCOM Safety Office and an experienced motorcycle rider.

Williams believes everyone can make a difference in saving lives.

"Before an accident even happens, someone knew of the risky behavior," Williams said. "We all have a job to do in protecting the men and women who protect our liberties. Awareness is a priority for all drivers on the road."

Right now, if a Soldier wants to operate a motorcycle on an Army installation, he or she is required to complete the approved Beginners Riders Course and keep the card in their possession at all times. They also must have a valid

state driver's license with an unrestricted motorcycle endorsement, register the motorcycle with the installation (decals placed on the windshield) and wear proper protective equipment and reflective clothing, including Department of Transportation-approved helmets.

The Combat Readiness Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., is going through the testing phases of a

Motorcycle Mentorship Program. The program will positively impact communities in two ways: It will enhance safety by pairing inexperienced riders with experienced riders, and it will augment community unity by endorsing the creation of motorcycle clubs.

For more information, contact the local post safety office or visit www.crc.army.mil.



PT presents safety problem

Letter to editor

A big problem exists on this installation between units running PT and the civilian workforce trying to get to work.

Estes gate on to Kitty Road is one of the main routes for civilians coming to work at Central Issue Facility, Building 8100 and maintenance contract laborers in the motor pools. There are always Soldiers running on that road. Why?

Custer Hill has been put off limits to traffic specifically for that reason... to provide a safe environment for Soldiers to run PT. There is absolutely no reason for anyone to be running or marching on Estes or Kitty Road.

I hope this can get resolved before someone gets hurt.

Randy Garcia, TACOM LAR, Building 8100

In response:

This is an enforcement issue. I have already notified command, instructed my brigade safety specialist to talk to the leadership and try to get them to stop or control the movement of Soldiers.

Paul Inman
Installation safety officer

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Army offers \$1,000 reward

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the racially motivated bomb threats directed toward the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team at Fort Riley between February and April of 2006.

Anyone with information concerning this incident should call Special Agent Jeff Lasley of the Fort Riley CID office at (785) 239-3931 or the post military police at (785) 239-6767.

'Kodiaks' to get new leader

The "Kodiaks" will conduct a battalion change of command ceremony at 9 a.m. May 17 at Cavalry Parade Field. The outgoing 70th Engineer Battalion commander is Lt. Col. Anthony O. Wright. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Vernie L. Reichling Jr.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at King Field House

Post blood drive scheduled

The Red Cross Blood drive will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 16 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 17 at Riley's Conference Center. Donors receive a free T-shirt.

For more information, call 784-1000.

To make an appointment, call 800-GIVE-LIFE.

Patient care moves to clinic

Dr. Charles Radmer and Maj. Carla Crouch, a nurse practitioner, will move their practices to Caldwell Clinic and see their patients there.

The clinic opened May 1. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Web site offers transition aid

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) has transformed its Web site at <http://www.acap.army.mil/> to provide faster, more direct access to information through eight user paths, each tailored to a specific client population.

The paths are Army leaders, active-component Soldiers, reserve-component Soldiers, retirees, veterans, Department of the Army civilians, family members and employers.

ACAP provides transition and employment-assistance services, helping users assess their abilities, create effective resumes, prepare for job interviews and more.

Bill seeks earlier retirement age

H.R. 783 has been introduced to reduce the age for military retired pay eligibility from 60 to 55 for members of the Reserves and National Guard. The bill would lower the retirement age for those who have served at least 20 years to begin to draw their retirement pay at age 55.

Active duty forces have no age restrictions once their 20 years of service is complete.

Members of the National Guard and reservists in the Navy, Coast Guard, Army, Marine and Air Force would qualify at age 55 for retirement pay based on individual participation in the retirement plan.

4th Brigade names top Soldiers

Spec. Timothy Stephens of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, was recently selected as 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Soldier of the Quarter.

Staff Sgt. Juan Pepi of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, was selected as 4th IBCT noncommissioned officer of the third quarter.

The Fort Riley Soldier and NCO of the quarter will be selected this month and honored at 4 p.m. May 22 in Riley's Conference Center.

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operations facility, motor pool and quarters to house bachelor officers and enlisted members, Goreham said.

Even with all the permanent structures built, Camp Funston wouldn't have enough space to handle all the Soldiers expected to live there while training for deployment, so temporary "relocatable" pre-fab buildings are being set up to meet that demand.

Fifty-eight of the rolling buildings (they have wheels on their frames, just as mobile homes do) are ready to be inhabited, Goreham said May 8. More will be placed in Camp Funston to house members of the combat aviation brigade earmarked for location at Marshall Army Airfield, he added.

Even with those structures, billeting will be crowded, Goreham said. Some rooms will have four people and others will have eight. Some buildings have 40-person bays, he explained.

"We're giving them 45 square feet of living space, about what they would have in a forward operating base," Goreham said.

These will be temporary homes for the Soldiers coming to Fort Riley for training, not permanent living areas, he emphasized.

Irwin and his staff historically have coordinated billeting and range use for reserve and National Guard units spending time at Fort Riley, usually during summer training periods in June. That will continue at least through June and July this year, Irwin said.

About 1,145 reserve component Soldiers will train at Fort this year, reported John Bess, who works for Irwin. Before 9-11, Fort Riley hosted from 5,000 to 6,000 reserve component Soldiers for annual training each year, Bess said. That number has been dwindling each year because of the need to mobilize reserve component units for missions relating to the Global War on Terror, he added.

Several of those units need to use Fort Riley ranges for live fire training, including aerial gunnery and Hellfire missiles by the 1st Battalion, 135th Aviation Brigade, and Multiple Launch Rocket Systems by the 2nd Battalion, 130 Field Artillery Brigade.



Construction crews work on a pump station April 19 at Camp Funston. The station will move sewage from Camp Funston to the waste-water treatment plant on Custer Hill.

PAO Photo/Blackmon

Irwin said he's not sure whether Fort Riley will be able to support reserve component annual training next year because of the influx of Soldiers comprising new military transition training teams.

Original planning called for the undeveloped areas of Camp Funston to be built up as sort of a "small city for reservists" mobilized and coming to Fort Riley for training and deployment, Irwin said.

The slowdown in active duty deployments from Fort Riley to Iraq predicted crowded conditions on Custer Hill, where the RCSD used to operate.

With the December 2005 change in deployment for units of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and return of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Armored Division, from Iraq, billeting space became even more crowded.

The post leadership had expected the entire 1st Bde. to deploy in December and planned to move 3rd BCT Soldiers into its vacated billets. A change in the situation in Iraq stopped that deployment in favor of sending smaller units to handle special security force requirements and to conduct military transition training for Coalition security forces.

The original plan for Camp Funston was to construct billets, administration buildings, motor pools and dining facilities to handle three battalions of reserve component Soldiers at one time, Irwin said. That idea went away with the change in the training and mobilization mission.

The post's focus shifted from being a power projection point for thousands of mobilized Soldiers needing to train and prepare for duty in Iraq and Afghanistan each year to training smaller sets of military transition teams, Irwin explained. Those transition teams will form and train at Fort Riley while billeted at Camp Funston, he said.

Although the teams will be composed of a handful of military experts from all U.S. services and from Coalition forces, the large number of teams needed for the transition of the security mission in Iraq and elsewhere will fill Camp Funston constantly from mid-May until some unknown time in the future, Irwin indicated with a chart showing training cycles already planned for several months out.

Camp Funston already houses about 200 Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 91st Division (Training Support), who came from Fort Carson, Colo., to train Fort Riley cadre how to train the incoming transition teams. The 2nd Bde, 91st Div., already trains transition teams at Fort Carson.

To accommodate the Soldiers being trained, Camp Funston has its own dining facility. Plans are to open it for dining in May, but the meals will be prepared elsewhere and carried to the Camp Funston facility in containers for serving. The Camp Funston facility should be ready to prepare its own meals in June, Irwin said.

Other amenities will be sparse, Irwin predicted. No recreation outlets are being planned and cable television is not available at Camp Funston. "There isn't even a pool table," Irwin said. Televisions and pool tables would normally be placed in company administration buildings in what are referred to as dayrooms. No company administration space will be available, he said, because it's all being turned into administrative offices for the necessary support functions.

Shuttle buses will be provided to carry Soldiers to places they must go on post, but the extras at Camp Funston will be minimal, he repeated. The PX has moved in a couple of trailers that will be stocked with items similar to what can be found in small shoppettes, Irwin said, but "the plan is not to man those until we have a lot of people here."

Some other concerns about housing large numbers of Soldiers at Camp Funston have already been addressed, Goreham said.

Concrete culverts have been placed in front of each "relocatable" building as a tornado shelter. Projections have shown they would be too heavy for a tornado to lift and move, Goreham said, so the main concern was to provide the Soldiers a place to be protected from flying debris.

A new waste water pump station is being installed to replace a smaller one already at Camp Funston. When the new pump is in service, it will handle twice the amount of waste water the old pump handles, Goreham said.

Flooding isn't a major concern, he added. The area, like Camp Forsyth, is protected by a levee, so "when we talk flooding, we're talking about closing the flood gates (in the levee), and that causes water to back up," Goreham explained. "Camp Funston escaped flooding in the 1993 flood that affected Camp Forsyth," he said.

Power already meets expected needs, Goreham said. The post got an upgraded substation in 1992-93.

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Brigade Soldiers run together

4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's Command Sgt. Maj. James Champagne (far left) and commander Col. Ricky Gibbs (left) encourage Soldiers led by Sgt. 1st Class Jamal Gutierrez of Company A, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, during a brigade run May 5. Gibbs, who led the run, said it was all about esprit de corps, "showing the colors and sharing the pride." He used the quarterly event to recognize outstanding Soldiers, give an update on the brigade's numbers and talk about things to improve. The brigade had only 600 Soldiers during the last brigade run in mid-January. The 4th IBCT now has more than 2,600 Soldiers, and Gibbs expects to be at full strength by September.

'Dagger Brigade' preps 1st Bde. cadre for task

By Zachary Shumway
2nd Brigade, 91st Division

"Dagger Brigade" Soldiers will help 1st Infantry Division cadre at Fort Riley learn how to train effective military transition teams bound for those missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

About 200 members of the 2nd Brigade, 91st Division (Training Support), already live at Camp Funston and are preparing to validate the training curriculum that will be used when the Big Red One Soldiers assume the training mission.

Until recently, the Army has conducted transition team training using several training brigades at various locations across the continental United States. The requirement for a long-term, sustainable, sourcing and training strategy for transition team training led to the consolidation and standardization of all such training at Fort Riley, according to spokesmen for the 2nd Bde., 91st Div.

The "Dagger Brigade" was selected to provide an interim training capability at Fort Riley while the 1st Inf. Div. headquar-

ters moves from Germany to Fort Riley to join its 1st and 4th Brigades, the spokesmen said.

"This mission is critical to shifting the fight to the Iraqi and Afghan military and security forces. We are proud to have been chosen to lead this mission," said Col. Raymond Lamb, "Dagger Brigade" commander.

Since 2002, the brigade has trained more than 40,000 Soldiers. The brigade's trainers are active army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers, many with recent combat zone experience.

A key part of the training is the conduct of theatre specific immersion training.

"Our goal during the deployment at Fort Riley is to replicate the conditions faced by Soldiers in Iraq. Soldiers will live in a forward operating base and interact with the local population. They will teach, coach and mentor Iraqi security forces, work and patrol in local towns and villages designated to imitate conditions in theatre," Lamb said.

Transition teams consist of 10 to 15 individuals from a variety of

military backgrounds. The team members are specialized trainers who will be embedded with Coalition security forces, so each transition team's composition is tailored to the mission it is expected to perform in theatre.

About 200 transition teams operate in Iraq and another 75 in Afghanistan at any given time. Feedback from those Soldiers and Iraqi commanders drives the training of future teams preparing to deploy. "We are always updating our training doctrine with lessons learned from in-country," Lamb said.

Besides training transition teams preparing for deployment, the "Dagger Brigade" will train cadre from two brigades of the 1st Inf. Div. to take over the training mission. Upon completion of a right seat ride and certification program, the 1st Inf. Div. will assume operational control of all transition team training.

In Iraq, transition teams have trained 216,000 Iraqi security force members, including 125 battalions of military and special police forces; they have trained 82,000 Afghan personnel.

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Post to observe heritage event

The 24th Infantry Division (Mech) Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor Fort Riley's Asian Pacific Heritage Month observance from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. May 17 at Riley's Conference Center.

The theme for this year's observance is "Dreams and Challenges for Asian Pacific Americans."

The Cambodian American Community Development, Inc., will present a cultural presentation through art, music, dance history and language. The program is free and open to all Soldiers, their families, civilian employees and members of the public in surrounding communities.

For more information, contact a brigade equal opportunity advisor or the division EO Office at 239-8433.

Clothing store to change hours

The Military Clothing and Sales Store in the Main PX will change its hours to 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning May 22.

'Iron Rangers' refurbish historical display

By Anna Morelock

Staff writer

A while ago, Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, noticed some faded photos encased in rotating wooden frames under an awning on Range 3 at Fort Riley. The Soldiers had plenty of time to notice the display's deteriorating condition because that's where they've spent their time for much of the past nine months.

The "Iron Rangers," who have been completing intensive training exercises on the ranges in preparation for deployment, decided to say a big "thank you" to Range Control by replacing the worn boards and updating the photos at the memorial site, said Lt. Col. Frank Zachar, the battalion's commander.

"We've been able to put more rounds downrange than any other battalion," Zachar said about his battalion's past year. "We've had the luxury of being able to train uninterrupted."

Zachar credited Range Control with helping the "Iron Rangers" train successfully. "We've never been held back by range support," he said. "We've only been helped."

In a short ceremony May 3, Zachar and Range Control Officer Lee Breidenstein, "christened" the refurbished area.

The Range Control employees supported the Soldiers during their regular training by setting up many non-standard ranges for platoon and squad live fire exercises, Bradley Table XII gunnery and some special training efforts, Zachar said.

For the "christening," Zachar and Breidenstein added a portrait of Maj. Harry Lippenard Kimmell to the board. The board is dedicated to Kimmell, a 1st Bn., 16th Inf. Regt., commander who was deployed to France with the regiment during World War I.

A decorated 1st Infantry Division Soldier, Kimmell was killed

in France on Oct. 9, 1918. A plaque set in stone in front of the newly framed photos reads, "Maj. Kimmell's action exemplified the proud origins of the division motto: No mission too difficult; No sacrifice too great; Duty first!"

Because of Kimmell's link to the "Iron Rangers," the project was perfect for the Soldiers to undertake as a thank you, Zachar said. Besides refurbishing Kimmell's photos, the "Iron Rangers" also updated the board by adding photos from Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. The previous photos went through Vietnam.

Kimmell's portrait was the last photo added before the blue-framed glass cover was screwed into place, expected to protect the memorial from the Kansas weather for at least another 10 years.

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Sgt. Phillip Russell and Spc. Reno Fisher hold one of the newly refurbished boards in place while Staff Sgt. Rodney Riedesel secures it.

Army game competes for \$100K

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — America's Army computer game is among four federal initiatives named finalists for the prestigious Innovations in American Government Award.

If it wins, the Army will receive a \$100,000 grant supporting the dissemination of the initiative's innovation to other jurisdictions.

America's Army is a virtual

online experience that has revolutionized the way Americans learn about, and potentially prepare for, Army career opportunities.

Founded in 1986, Innovations in American Government Awards is a program of the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. The award is administered in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government in Washington, DC.

"This year's finalists are the

best and brightest. They represent government's great capacity for creating positive change and achieving results," said Gowher Rizvi, director of Harvard's Ash Institute.

"Each of these efforts takes a creative approach to a significant problem and demonstrates that their solution works," he said.

The prize money is awarded specifically to support winning programs in the teaching of their model to other jurisdictions.





DoD unveils Crusher

Vehicle would add more 'robot' capability

Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and U.S. Army unveiled the Crusher unmanned ground combat vehicle the end of April in a ceremony hosted by the Carnegie Mellon University's National Robotics Engineering Center in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Crusher vehicle is a follow-on and upgrade to the Spinner vehicle that was developed in a prior DARPA/Army program. Crusher is a six-wheeled, all-wheel drive, hybrid electric, skid-steered, unmanned ground vehicle.

The vehicle weighs 14,000 pounds fully fueled and is designed to carry a 3,000-pound payload. At this 17,000-pound total weight, two Crusher vehicles can be carried by a single C-130H aircraft at substantial range. If

desired, Crusher can carry up to 8,000 pounds of payload and armor without compromising its mobility.

Crusher represents a new class of unmanned ground combat vehicles developed under the DARPA/Army UGCV-Perception for Off-Road Robots Integration program.

Crusher is a highly mobile vehicle designed from the outset to be unmanned. It is being equipped with state-of-the-art perception capabilities and will be used to validate the key technologies necessary for an unmanned ground vehicle to perform military missions autonomously.

Crusher will be equipped with representative sensing and weapons payloads for planned field experiments.

The new Crusher vehicle and a related vehicle, the Spinner, are a major improvement in unmanned ground vehicle capability, accord-

ing to Larry Jackel, DARPA UPI program manager.

"The original Spinner UGCV is an excellent platform, but in shakeout experiments, the new Crushers have already outperformed Spinner in all aspects," Jackel said.

"Combined with its autonomous control system, the Crusher defines the state-of-the-art in autonomous unmanned ground vehicles systems," he said.

The UPI program will conduct rigorous field experiments of the two Crusher vehicles and their perception and payload systems, with experiments planned at Fort Carson, Colo., this summer.

The program will culminate in 2007 with Army users operating Crusher vehicles during representative missions in natural terrain.

Information provided by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.



ANS photo
The Crusher unmanned ground combat vehicle was unveiled the end of April by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

Defense officials: Terrorists use Internet for propaganda

By Steven Donald Smith
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Terrorist networks are skillfully using the Internet to raise money, recruit and train members and to spread a message of hatred, defense offi-

cials said May 4.

"The enemy's message, of course, is a gross distortion of American policy," Peter Rodman, assistant secretary of defense for policy and international security affairs, told the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

"It is at bottom an incitement to hatred, extremism and terrorism."

Rodman, along with U.S. defense contractors, presented a briefing to Congress that demonstrated how terrorists have used the Internet for propaganda purposes.

Defense contractors said they

were continuously amazed at how terrorists are able to grab multimedia products or images off the Internet and repackaging them to fit their own goals and objectives.

For example, terrorists use the Internet to download DVDs, CDs, training manuals, pamphlets and copies of sermons and speeches,

and then distribute them at a local level.

Wherever there's Internet availability, terrorists can disseminate information to a greater range of people in the oral tradition that they've grown up with.

The target audience for terrorist propaganda is recruitment-age

youth ages 7 to 25. Defense contractors said they have even seen products that are aimed at ages younger than 7.

Rodman said the terrorist message is also meant to try to convince the Iraqi people and other Arabs that their insurgency is working.

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Ingram assumes 'Devil Brigade' command

By Anna Morelock

Staff writer

The "Devil Brigade" once again responded quickly to change when rain forced it to move the brigade change of command ceremony from Cavalry Parade Field to King Field House May 3.

The "Big Red One's" 1st Brigade adjusted to a delayed deployment schedule for some of its units and a new military transi-

tion team training mission since December.

Outgoing commander Col. Bart Howard passed the brigade colors and transferred authority over the Soldiers, equipment and mission to Col. Jeff D. Ingram during the ceremony.

"Bart and Teresa Howard, you have truly done a remarkable job in your 18 months here," said Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, speaking about the outgoing com-

mander and his wife.

Hardy commended Howard on his leadership, performance, mentorship and ability to put the 1st Brigade Combat Team together.

"I must admit that it's with mixed emotions that I stand here before you this morning," Howard said as he reflected on his time of command and spoke of anticipating challenges ahead.

Howard also thanked the Soldiers and families of the brigade for their adaptability and hard work.

"These Soldiers have met every challenge, every mission — every changing mission," he said. "My source of greatest pride is that this team never wrung its hands," he said. "They rolled up their sleeves and started working."

Ingram spoke briefly before receiving the brigade's colors and was welcomed by Hardy.

"Jeff, I know you're full of school. I know you're full of leadership and I know you're fully ready to give," he said of the

brigade's new commander.

Ingram served as a seminar leader at the School of Advanced Military Studies before taking command of the 1st Bde.

Howard is on tap to be chief of staff for Combined Forces Command — Afghanistan. His wife and son, Connor, will remain at Fort Riley during his assignment.

Before serving as a SAMS seminar leader, Ingram served as the G3 for the 24th Inf. Div (Mech) at Fort Riley.

Previous to that, he served as

commander of 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, also at Fort Riley.

His decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit and three Bronze Star Medals with V devices.

He has earned the Combat Action Badge, Parachute Badge, Ranger Tab and French Commando Badge.

Ingram's wife, Caroline, is from Bremen, Germany, and the couple has two sons, Dustin, 17, and Ian, 13.

Army delays another brigade Iraq deployment

By Donna Miles

AFPS

WASHINGTON — About 3,500 "Big Red One" Soldiers slated to begin their deployment to Iraq in the coming days will remain at their base in Schweinfurt, Germany, until further notice, defense officials announced May 8.

Members of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, were officially notified within recent days that they won't deploy early this month, as scheduled.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman told Pentagon reporters.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld approved the adjustment, which was recommended by Gen. George W. Casey Jr., commander of Multinational Force Iraq, Whitman said.

Whitman emphasized that the decision doesn't signal the start of a troop drawdown and doesn't affect the number of U.S. troops on the ground, currently about 135,000.

"This is a very narrow decision to hold one brigade from deploying and to give the commanders on the ground additional time to continue their assessments," he said.

The decision also doesn't

cancel the 2nd Brigade's deployment, but puts it temporarily on hold until a final decision is made, Whitman said.

Decisions about troop numbers are based on conditions on the ground, as assessed by commanders there in consultation with the Iraqi government, he said.

Whitman cited signs of progress in Iraq during recent weeks, with indications Prime Minister Designate Jawad al-Maliki is close to appointing the rest of his Cabinet. "As we know, the pillars of progress move in parallel with each other," he said. "So as you have progress in the political front, it will lead to progress in the security front and then progress in the economic front."

Defense officials also noted continued progress among Iraq's security forces. More than 254,000 Iraqi security forces are trained and equipped, up more than 40,000 since November 2004, noted Army Lt. Col. Barry Venable, a Pentagon spokesman.

Of these forces, two divisions, 16 brigades and 58 battalions have assumed the lead in their operating areas, he said.

By Anna Morelock

Staff writer

Col. Bart Howard has called Fort Riley home for almost six years, but he will be moving to a new assignment as chief of staff for Combined Forces Command — Afghanistan this month.

Howard first came to Fort Riley in 2000 when he became commander of 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, in the 1st Brigade. He was fortunate, Howard said, to remain at Fort Riley and be the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) G3. Howard handed over command of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, to Col. Jeff D. Ingram May 3.

"So, 1st Bde. and Fort Riley are really a home for us now in the U.S. Army," he said. While on assignment in Afghanistan, Howard's wife, Teresa, and their son, Connor, will remain at Fort Riley.

While at Fort Riley, Howard has taken a special interest in the history of the post, but also of the Devil Brigade, the oldest brigade in the Army. "Some of the units in the 1st Bde. were the oldest in the entire army — Hamilton's own is one example, 230 years old," he mentioned.

Howard said that he realized while studying the unit's history that many of the challenges the brigade met weren't new at all, and he hoped the Soldiers could benefit from that knowledge.

"I realized that there was a theme of continuity that what these Soldiers had done before, 230 years ago, facing adversity,



"Everybody's got that different level of responsibility, but they're all important."

— Col. Bart Howard
Outgoing 1st Brigade commander

facing changes, that our Soldiers could perhaps get some inspiration that it had happened before," he said. "There was a theme there, and I wanted Soldiers to also be proud of their unit. That patch means a lot to me and hopefully to young Soldiers just coming in."

During his time with the brigade, Howard and the "Devil Brigade" Soldiers met many challenges and they always stepped up, he said.

"The biggest challenge in the last year and a half since I've been in 1st Bde. is change and rapid change," Howard said. It's been the most rapid change that he's ever seen in the Army, he said.

"Our mission continually evolved, not because of mistakes or errors, but just because of such rapid changes in Iraq and the war on terror that we were asked to adapt very quickly."

Just a few weeks before deploying to Iraq, the brigade got news the deployment would be delayed. "That was good news for our families," he said, "but then we quickly had to adapt to what the next was."

Next was training companies for security missions, and the

brigade adapted to that, he said. Then the Soldiers were given the mission to change unit organization to be able to train advisory teams, and they met all those challenges.

Before, Howard said, a year's calendar could be laid out without too many changes, now it changes constantly.

During his command, one thing didn't change for Howard: the opportunity for him to connect with Soldiers. Before he left, Howard made a stop at each company.

"It meant a lot to me to be able to talk to every Soldier in small groups and thank them for what they do on a day to day level," he said. "That's what you appreciate

when you're in command, that you have that contact with Soldiers."

Howard said he remembers being a private in the National Guard and having no idea who the senior leaders were. "I kind of realize today that Soldiers do a lot of things that they may believe are not seen, just some little function they're told to," he said. "But ... everything's important. If your mission for that day is to set up a camo net over a water point, then that's pretty important. That's what we need you to do. Everybody's got that different level of responsibility, but they're all important."

Howard said he's excited for the challenges that lie ahead for him in Afghanistan, but he'll miss the community feeling he's known at Fort Riley.

"Fort Riley still has the feel of a smaller home town," he said. "I've been on installations before where it's so large you just don't know all your neighbors..."

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‘Black Lion’ named top graduate

Staff Sgt. Justin Miller of Company C, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, was named distinguished honor graduate May 1 of Air Assault School Class 05-16 at Fort Campbell, Ky.

As the top graduate, he excelled in academic and hands-on tests, finishing first of 194 candidates. 31 of them “Black Lions.”

In addition to being named distinguished honor graduate, Miller was named Road March Champion for finishing the 12-mile foot march with weapon, helmet and 35-pound rucksack in 1 hour and 58 minutes.

Holiday alters trash pick-up

The refuse pick-up schedule will change May 29 through June 2 in observance of Memorial Day. The schedule is:

May 29 – No pick-up, Memorial Day holiday.

May 30 – Colyer Manor, Main Post and the dumpster at Building 620.

May 31 – Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Peterson Heights north of Thomas Avenue, Marshall Army Airfield and dumpsters at Buildings 28, 45, 471, 540, 542 and 5309.

June 1 – Warner Heights, Burnside Heights and the dumpster at Building 620. (No change from regular schedule.)

June 2 – Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, O'Donnell Heights, South Warner Heights, Peterson Heights south of Thomas Avenue and the dumpster at Building 5309. (No change from regular schedule.)

For more information, call Paul Cassella in the Contract Inspection Branch, 239-6274.

Change of command planned

The 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, will conduct a battalion change of command ceremony at 9 a.m. June 7.

The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. David Batchelor. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Christopher Beckert.

Post-wide graduation set

A combined graduation ceremony for Fort Riley military personnel, family members and civilian personnel who are graduates of local colleges or Servicemember Opportunity Colleges Army Degrees college programs is planned for 1 p.m. June 7 at King Field House.

Education Services Learning Centers will not be available from 10:30 a.m. June 7 through the end of the day for the graduation ceremony.

Safety staff offers weather class

Members of the Fort Riley Installation Safety Office are available for severe weather safety training. Training covers indicators of severe weather, developing emergency action plans and other safety tips.

To arrange a class date, time and location, call the safety office at 239-2514.

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‘Measles chart’ shows progress

Colored dots show projects improving people’s lives in Iraq

By Jim Garamone
AFPS

BAGHDAD – Coalition officials call it the “measles chart.” It’s a map of Iraq showing all the planned, in-progress and completed infrastructure projects that makes the country look like it has developed a case of the measles.

Green is good on the chart. That indicates completed projects, and most of the dots, triangles, squares and diamonds on the map are green. Yellow means the projects are started, and there is a scattering of those around the country. Red means “planned – not started,” and there are some of those, mostly in Anbar province and in eastern and western Baghdad.

“Since March 2003, 11,600 construction projects have been started and 9,340 projects valued at \$9.3 billion have been completed,” said Kathy A. Johnson, the director of reconstruction for the Gulf Region Division of the Army Corps of Engineers. “Rebuilding the infrastructure is helping the emergence of democracy and establishing the foundation for a strong economy.”

Johnson spoke during a news conference May 4. Her division’s projects range from hospitals and schools to power plants and water and sewage treatment facilities. The goal is to provide reliable, essential services to the Iraqi people, Johnson said.

U.S. taxpayers have paid for the projects she oversees. Other U.S. organizations, most notably the U.S. Agency for International Development, also are helping rebuild the Iraqi infrastructure.

From the beginning, the U.S. contribution was designed to jumpstart the infrastructure reconstruction program, she said.

“To truly meet the infrastructure needs of this country, donor nations, private sector organizations and the government of Iraq will all need to work together to provide additional resources,” she said.

And Iraq will need more resources. The World Bank, the United Nations and other organizations said Iraq needs \$55 billion more to repair the infrastructure neglected during Saddam Hussein’s rule.

The United States is not going to provide that money, Johnson

said. “Our efforts go beyond actual bricks and mortar reconstruction,” she said. The Gulf Region Division is training Iraqis how to care for projects once they are finished. This capacity development is an integral component in the effort to revitalize Iraq’s infrastructure, Johnson said.

As of May 1, the division has 3,614 infrastructure projects planned, representing \$11.3 billion. Another 3,206 projects have started for \$10.1 billion. Nearly 2,600 projects have been completed for about \$6 billion.

And it is working, she said. “Despite 25 years of neglect and a costly insurgency, Iraq’s infrastructure is bouncing back and U.S. assistance is having a real impact on the lives of the Iraqi people,” she said.

In schools alone, U.S. funding has refurbished 831 schools. “We’ve taken children out of ‘mud schools’ and put them in modern clean buildings conducive to learning,” Johnson said.

The projects have added 1,400 megawatts of electricity to the national grid, and the engineers have overseen 137 distribution projects. As the hot summer

months approach, electricity is a concern.

“The availability of electricity is governed not only by planned and unplanned maintenance, but also interdictions,” Johnson said. “The best plans we have and targets we put in place are always subject to events of the day.”

If terrorists don’t blow up transmission lines, distribution nodes and power-generating plants, there should be enough power to give all residents of Iraq 12 hours of electricity per day, officials said.

The projects have added almost 1.2 million cubic meters of water per day to the system, which benefits almost 6 million Iraqis. All told, the projects provide 8.4 million Iraqis with potable drinking water.

They’ve completed 33 sewer projects, built 67 fire stations and 303 police stations.

They have completed eight airport projects, all now FAA certified.

They have completed four port projects and put in place an advanced first responder network system that covers 16 million Iraqis living in 14 provinces.

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they can relate to that because it’s their sons and daughters and family and friends that are being deployed and doing these things every single day.

“And it’s cool on my end, because I get to become an action figure and be put in a video game. Who can say that?” he asked.

The America’s Army video game launched in 2002, and the Real Heroes participants are being added as extra characters in the game.

Rieman said his character will probably be an instructor at a weapons range or a recruiter showing off the Army’s Class A uniform. The game also will

recount Rieman’s military history and his life.

The game isn’t designed to allow people to recreate the Real Heroes Soldiers’ experiences in combat, Rieman said, but will tell their stories with the hope of inspiring others to greatness. The game has Army values and morals instilled and is useful as a tool for young people trying to decide whether to join the military, he said.

“It’s a developmental tool for kids in that decision-making age process,” he said. “It’s out there to educate them.”

The action figures will be four to seven inches tall and will recreate each Soldier’s uniform and gear the day he earned his award in combat, Rieman said.

Rieman and the other Soldiers recently traveled to Los Angeles, where their bodies were scanned and a rough mold of the action figures were made. Sculptors are finalizing the figures, which are due out the end of June with the revamped version of America’s Army, Rieman said.

Rieman, who has a 7-month-old son and another child on the way, said he looks forward to the day he sees his son playing with his action figure.

“The coolest thing for me is to know that my son is going to look

up at me in that figure,” he said. “How many sons can look at their father and say, ‘My dad’s an action figure?’”

Rieman, who is approaching his seven-year mark in the Army, said he is unsure about how much longer he’ll stay in, but he plans on promoting the Real Heroes program for a long time.

“There’s no project out there that honors a Soldier better than this, I don’t think,” he said. “Just to tell my story – to tell people, ‘This is what this Soldier has done,’ inspires people. People join the Army because of that. It’s very honorable. In a sense, I will be part of the Army forever.”

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Aikido classes to be offered

Aikido instruction will be offered by Daniel Hayes from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays in Long Fitness Center on Custer Hill.

All Soldiers and Department of Defense family members 18 and older can participate.

For more information, call Sgt. William Kinsman at 239-5716 or staff members at King Field House or send e-mail to william.kinsman@riley.army.mil.

Outdoor Rec changes hours

Summer hours for the Outdoor Recreation Center will run from May 28 through Sept. 9. Hours of operation will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call Carol Alexander at 239-2249.

KU to host 'Heroes Series'

The University of Kansas will host the Heroes Series vs. Texas A&M May 19-21.

Teachers, doctors, police officers, fire and medical personnel and armed forces personnel can buy two tickets for the price of one to each ballgame in the series.

Armed forces personnel will be recognized during the May 20 game. Military IDs should be presented at the ticket booth to get the special ticket offer.

Tuttle Creek Cove Park reopens

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced that Tuttle Creek Cove Park reopened to the public May 1. The park was closed most of last year and all this spring for construction of a new campground and related amenities.

The new campground will not open until June 1.

A day use fee is charged for use of the boat ramp and swim beach. Self-pay stations serve those areas. Fees for camping will range from \$12 to \$18.

For more information, call (785) 539-8511.

Kansas Cagerz to play in Salina

The Kansas Cagerz face the Brooklyn Kings in a professional basketball game May 16 and 17 at the Salina Bicentennial Center, 800 The Midway. It will be the first time the Cagerz have faced an Eastern Division opponent.

The Cagerz face the Oklahoma Storm in a Midwest Division matchup at home May 27.

The Cagerz play Long Island, one of the two newest members of the U.S. Basketball League, at home May 28 and 29.

For more information, call (785) 826-7469 or (888) 826-7469 or visit <http://www.bicentennial.org> on the Web.

Golf course open for play

Custer Hill Golf Course is open for play 8 a.m. to dusk Tuesday through Sunday.

For more information call 784-6000.

Annual Prairie Run set for July

Staff report

Running takes top billing at Fort Riley July 22.

The annual 10-5-2 Prairie Run starts at 7 a.m. at King Field House on post for military and civilian runners.

The event is open to the public and costs \$12 for those who enter by July 12. Cost to enter after July

12 is \$15. Early registration guarantees those runners will receive a T-shirt. Some later entrants may receive T-shirts, but late entry does not guarantee a souvenir T-shirt.

Entry forms are available at fitness centers on post and will be online on the Fort Riley Web page in the future, an official said.

The 10-mile course runs from

King Field House, Building 202, to the Ogden, Kan., gate. Runners will turn around at the Ogden gate and retrace the course to King Field House.

Fort Riley uses the 10-mile run to help select military runners to represent the post in the annual Army 10-Miler run in Washington, D.C. That race is run in conjunction with the annual Association of the U.S. Army convention.

The 2-mile race is not a fun run, emphasized race coordinator Reed Scott of the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Fort Riley. Dogs, strollers, baby joggers, skateboards, roller skates, motorized vehicles, bicycles and headsets will not be allowed on the race course July 22, he said.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each gender and age category for each race.

Volunteers are needed to help with the race. Volunteers will man water points and be placed along the route to make sure runners know what direction to take on the course, Scott said.

For more information or to volunteer, call 239-2172 or 239-3724.

Big guns score



Aaron Lang heads the ball for 1st Bn., 5th FA, in the championship game May 8 against 1st Bn., 16th Inf. The Artillery defeated the Infantry 5-4 in a shootout.

Artillery shoots best to win title

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

"Hamilton's Own" Artillery faced the "Iron Rangers" Infantry in a soccer shootout May 8 to decide the post's champion for 2006, and the Artillery's guns shot better.

After each team sent seven players to face the opponent's goalie one-on-one, 5th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, eked out a last-kick 5-4 victory against 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry.

It looked like the "Iron Rangers" would take home the bigger trophy when Carlos Lozano and Christian Rodriguez sent balls

past Artillery goalie Edgar Drysdale and Justin Springer was the only Infantryman to put a ball past goalie Ronald Conaway.

Edward Roches scored the Artillery's third point in the shootout, but "Iron Ranger" Michael Lynch kept the Infantry alive with his score.

The Artillery missed their final kick and Infantry goalie Conaway stepped out to face the Artillery's goal keeper and sent the tying score into the net.

Marco Soledispa gave the Artillery players and supporters reason to cheer when his kick got by Conaway, but Leon Springer tied the score again at 4-4.

The Artillery failed to score on their

next kick and Luis Avalos won the game for the "Iron Rangers" with the final kick and score of the game.

Both teams appeared evenly matched throughout the game. The Infantry finished its Southern League play with a 2-2 record while "Hamilton's Own" wrapped up this year's season with three wins and two losses.

Defense played a key role in both teams' defenses, but long kicks kept players running long distances back and forth on the field with teammates often left too far behind to mount a serious threat against

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Team begins season June 2

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

The Junction City Generals offer baseball fans a chance to watch some of the nation's top collegiate players this summer at Rathert Stadium in Junction City.

Owner Jay Lucas formed the Generals as the "flag ship team" of the new Central Plains Baseball League that begins its first season with the Generals playing the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Grays June 2-4 at Rathert. The Generals will play 27 home games between June 2 and Aug. 4 against the Grays, the El Dorado Broncos, Topeka Golden Knights, Parkville Sluggers, KC Barnstormers, Derby Twins, Chillicothe Mudcats, Salina Blue Jays and Hays Larks of the CPBL and three games July 25-27 with the U.S. Military All-stars.

The All-stars will be comprised of the top U.S. armed forces players coming out of the annual

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Army's shooter wins gold

By Paula J. Randall Pagan

Army News Service

FORT BENNING Ga. — A Soldier of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit won a Gold Medal and an Olympic quota slot at the Brazil World Cup.

USAMU international rifle shooter Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas beat 49 of the world's best rifle shooters to win the gold medal in the free rifle prone competition at the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup in Resende, Brazil, May 2.

Tamas also won an Olympic quota slot for the USA for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China. Tamas was in second place going into the finals with a score of 595 points of a possible 600, just behind Guy Starik of Israel and Artem Khadjibekov of Russia, who both had 596 points.

Tamas shot a 102.9 of a possi-

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US women's team defeats Kuwait

By Robert Adams

Army News Service

KUWAIT — The U.S. Camp Arifjan female basketball team used a strong post game to out-muscle a quick Kuwaiti female national team 71-64 in an exhibition match at the Al-Fatrat Women's Sport Club in Kuwait City April 27.

The event was the second time the teams have faced each other in the past year. The first game ended in a 38-37 U.S. victory at Arifjan in June.

"We have a great relationship with the U.S. girls because we've played against them already," said

Fatima Al-Hamad, Kuwait's point guard. "This was like a reunion."

The event proved to be more than a basketball game, giving both countries the chance to learn about each other's culture.

Before the game started, the Kuwaiti basketball players — some wearing headscarves, long sleeves and pants under their uniforms — greeted U.S. players wearing uniforms provided by the Association of the U.S. Army.

"Through this event we can enhance and maintain sportsmanship," said Fadhila Al-Shwailan, Al-Fatrat Women's Sport Club chairman. "Tonight all of us are winners."

Once the ball was tipped, both

teams' competitive spirits took over. The U.S. team began the game on a 5-0 run behind the down-low presence of forward Shatrice Blue, who scored eight of her 23 points in the first quarter.

The Kuwaiti team then stepped up the defensive pressure, which led to 10 consecutive points off turnovers.

Kuwait's Al-Hamad took advantage of the U.S. mistakes, scoring nine of her 20 points in the first quarter.

"In the beginning of the game we were nervous, but by the second quarter it got intense," said Al-Hamad, who has played on the Kuwaiti team for six years.

Kuwait heated up from behind the 3-point line in the second quarter, connecting on four attempts.

Kuwaiti guard Mashaal Al-Marzouq, who scored 16 points in the game, led the outside attack, but the Kuwaitis couldn't pull away from the U.S. team who kept getting the ball to their post players.

They had a lot of good outside shooters, so we changed up our defense," Blue said.

At halftime, the teams were neck-and-neck, 37-37.

The U.S. team never trailed in the second half after opening the

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armed forces championship tournament.

The games will be played in a professional minor league atmosphere, Lucas said, including game promotions, special events, music and fireworks.

Each team in the CPBL recruits college players from across the nation. No player is paid to play because that would end their college eligibility. To make up for that, players live with host families in the cities where their teams are based, Lucas explained.

League rules prevent any team from playing more than four college players from the same school, so the talent will be coming from all over, he said.

Four Kansas State University players made the Generals' team roster for the premier season, as did four other players from community colleges in Kansas. Other players hail from Tennessee, Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois, New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and Missouri.

The Generals will field 27 players this season, said general manager Karl Carswell. "Half of them are pitchers. You can't have too many pitchers," he said.

Single tickets cost \$6 for grandstand seating and \$4 for general admission. Groups of 50

Head Coach 'Yogi' Cox

Terry Cox has been "Yogi" to his friends, teammates, coaches and players since elementary school when his gym teacher gave him the nickname. He is in his second year as an assistant coach at Indian Hills Community College in Centerville, Iowa. A first-class program with an impeccable reputation, Indian Hills has sent dozens of players to the professional ranks.

"Yogi" was the general manager and assistant coach with the Anchorage Glacier Pilots in the prestigious Alaska Baseball League. He spent three seasons with the Glacier Pilots in 1999, 2002 and 2004.

In 2003, "Yogi" went to British Columbia to manage the Kelowna Heat in the Canadian Baseball League. He coached professional ballplayers who had previously competed at the AAA, AA and A levels.

A native of DeWitt, Iowa, Cox graduated from St. Ambrose University in 1984. He played professional baseball in the Minnesota Twins and Toronto Blue Jays organizations and with independent teams in Canada and California. He concluded his playing career in 1988 as a member of the Neptunus Yankees in Rotterdam, Holland.

After assistant coaching positions at Muscatine Community College and Davenport Assumption High School, Cox spent nine years as the head coach at Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon, Ill.

to 100 can get grandstand tickets for \$5.25 each or general admission tickets for \$3.25 each. Groups of 100 or more pay \$4.50 each for grandstand seats or \$2.50 for general admission.

For more information about the

Generals, visit www.junctioncitygenerals.com on the Web.

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ble 109 in the finals and ended up with a total score of 697.9 and the win. The Soldier finished just 2/10ths of a point ahead of Starik, who got the silver medal with a 697.7. Khadjibekov took the bronze medal with a 697.4 after scoring a 10.2 in a shoot-off with Torben Grimmel of Denmark, who shot a 9.8.

Tamas, a native of Columbus, Ga., graduated from Kendrick High School in 1983 and started shooting in 1978 with the Fort Benning Junior Rifle Team. He is a two-time Olympian as well as a world champion and world record holder with a perfect score of 600,

which he shot when winning the World Championships in Barcelona, Spain, in 1998.

Joining the Army in 1986, Tamas was assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit after he completed basic and infantry training at Fort Benning. He served with the Army Marksmanship Unit for seven years before being assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, in Korea in 1992. After his overseas tour, Tamas returned to Fort Benning and the marksmanship unit in 1993.

Tamas was selected as the 1999 USA Shooting International Rifle

Shooter of the Year, as well as the U.S. Olympic Committee Shooter of the Year. USA Shooting is the national governing body for Olympic shooting sports in the United States.

In 1992, Tamas did not get to compete in the Olympics because he was an alternate. In 2000, he placed 13th in prone rifle at the Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

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Sports news briefly

Olathe Marathon includes relay

The Olathe Marathon May 20 includes a relay, 15-kilometer run and 2.62-mile "Bun Run," besides the 26.2-mile marathon.

Teams of four runners can compete in the marathon relay. Runners follow the historic Santa Fe, California and Oregon Trails and even run by Lone Elm Park – the campsite where the three trails converged.

The route also winds through Old Olathe Naval Air Base where astronaut John Glenn and Bob Barker of the Price is Right trained.

Runners start at 142 N. Cherry.

For more information, call (913) 764-1050 or (800) 921-5678 or visit <http://www.olathe-marathon.com> on the Web.

Personal trainer available on post

A personal trainer is available by appointment for exercise sessions at King Field House.

A 60-minute session costs \$20. A 60-minute session for two people costs \$30.

To set up an appointment, call 313-3165.

Outdoor staff plans canoe trips

Authorized users of the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center can sign up for upcoming canoe trips on the Kansas River.

The trips total 10.3 miles from the U.S. Highway 24 Bridge to St. George. Participants should plan to be gone between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Trips are being planned for June 3 and 17, July 8 and 29 and Aug. 5 and 19.

Cost per person is \$15, which includes rental fees for canoe, paddles and life vest and transportation to and from the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Anyone interested should register at the Outdoor Recreation Center, 9011 Rifle Range Road.

For more information, call 239-2363.

Racquetball to begin sign up

Fort Riley youth can register at Central Registration June 19-30 to participate in a racquetball program.

The program will run July 17 through Aug. 11. Cost is \$20 with current CYS registration.

For more information, call CYS at 239-4847.

Youth tourney set at Moon Lake

A youth fishing tournament is planned from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 10 at Moon Lake on post. The tournament is open for children age 2 to 12 and teenagers age 13 to 19. A parent must be present while the younger children fish.

Entry fee is \$5 per person.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest fish by weight, largest fish by length and largest stringer of fish. The prizes will go to the top three winners in each of the two age categories.

Prizes include a rod and reel, lures and coolers.

Each entrant can use no more than two poles. Kansas fishing regulations for length and creel limit apply for the tournament.

Entrants must register by June 8. To register, call 239-2363 or stop by the Outdoor Recreation Center, 9011 Rifle Range Road.

Youth camps scheduled

Fort Riley youth can register to participate in three sports camps this summer.

A basketball camp is scheduled July 17-24, a soccer camp July 31 through Aug. 4 and a volleyball camp Aug. 7-11.

The cost of each camp is \$25 per camper with current Child and Youth Services registration.

For more information, call CYS at 239-4847.

Teen Center sets fitness nights

Family fitness nights are scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 19, June 23, July 28 and Aug. 25 at the Fort Riley Teen Center, Building 5800.

The nights offer a free opportunity for parents and children to work out and exercise together in a high energy environment.

For more information, call the Youth Sports Office at 239-9223 or 239-9200.

Youth swimmers sought for club

Swimmers in grades three through eight may register through April 28 to participate on a post swim club. If enough interest is shown, the club may become a USA Swimming team and compete throughout Kansas in December 2006 or May 2007.

Cost is \$20 per month. Swimmers can register at Central Registration in Building 6620.

For more information, call the Youth Sports Office at 239-9223 or 239-9220.

Jaycees set softball showdown

The Jaycees will host an all-night softball showdown from 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 27-28 at North Park in Junction City.

Teams can pick up registration forms in Junction City at Central National Bank, Wal-Mart, Screen Machine Sports at 115 E. Seventh St., Dick Edwards Auto at 375 Grant Ave. and KJCK Platinum Broadcasting at U.S. Highway 77 and Ash Street.

For more information, call (785) 761-436 or send e-mail to JunctionCityJaycees@yahoo.com.

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Sports news briefly

Junior golfers offered pro time

Three sessions of junior golf will be held for kids ages 5 through 18 at Custer Hill Golf Course. The sessions will be May 16 to June 27, July 11 to Aug. 15 and Aug. 29 to Oct. 3.

Golfers ages 5 through 10 will play from 5:15 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Golfers ages 11 through 18 will play from 5:15 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

The cost is \$60 for six weeks. Registration begins April 17. Ten spaces will be available in each class.

Custer Hill Lanes lists events

Custer Hill Lanes is open daily for lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bowl a game

May 13 - 4 to 7 p.m., family time extreme bowling

May 13-14 - 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., extreme bowling

May 14 - 4 to 6 p.m., family time extreme bowling

Custer Hill Bowling Center, Building 7485, offers open bowling 5 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 5 to 10 p.m. Fridays and 3 to 11 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information about Bowling Center activities, call 239-4366.

Training offered PT borderliners

With command approval and support, Soldiers with borderline Army Physical Fitness Test scores can be on their way to being more fit and improving their scores through Fit Force I.

Participants in the new fitness program will train with the post fitness staff from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday for eight weeks. A weekly training schedule will be established and followed to get participants on the track to success.

For details on how to register, visit the fitness department or call 239-2813 or 239-3146.

Roller rink open for family fun

Riley Wheels Skating Rink in King Field House operates from 8 to 10 p.m. Fridays, 6 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. Saturdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Family skating is offered ID card holders for \$1 per family member on Sundays.

For more information, call 239-3764.

Fitness centers stop age policy

A recently revised age policy is in effect for the fitness centers on post. Children 12 years old and younger are not authorized to use any mechanical, strength or cardio equipment, saunas or steam room.

Eligible youth who are 15 and younger must be participating in the same activity and under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian. This policy includes the use of basketball and racquetball courts.

Children age 12 and younger are not permitted into the free weight or cardio areas while a parent or guardian works out.

Brown takes first victory of season

Schumacher out in second round, Sampey out in first at ATL Dragway

Army News Service

COMMERCE, Ga. - Antron Brown, who handles the controls of one of the U.S. Army Suzukis, won the 26th annual Summit Racing Equipment Southern Nationals May 7 at Atlanta Dragway in Commerce, Ga.

In other action, U.S. Army Top Fuel driver, Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher, lost in the second round of eliminations, while Brown's Pro Stock Motorcycle teammate, Angelle Sampey, was taken out in the first round.

Brown, who was the pole sitter for the race, beat defending NHRA POWERade world cham-

pion Andrew Hines in a hotly contested final round.

The New Jersey native used every bit of a .005-second reaction time to dispose of Hines.

"This is for all of the Soldiers who were here today supporting us," said an elated Brown afterwards. "I can't say enough about this U.S. Army team. To start the season the way we have is just unbelievable."

Brown's win, coupled with Sampey's two previous victories, gave the U.S. Army team a clean sweep of the opening three races of 2006. Brown now leads the standings over Sampey by six points.

"I sure hope it will be Angelle

and me battling the rest of the year," Brown added. "That's the goal that we set before the season."

Sampey, who had qualified fifth and entered the event as the point leader, lost to Geno Scali in the opening round despite outrunning the 12th-place qualifier on the clock.

The three-time world champion recorded a blistering 7.060-second run at 187.70 mph, but her reaction time was .053 second to Scali's .027 second, and that was the difference.

"What can you say, the numbers tell the whole story," she said with a look of disappointment. "I had such a great U.S. Army Suzu-

ki. We'll just have to put this one out of our minds and move on to the next race. The good news is that I know I have a great motorcycle capable of winning the title."

Schumacher, who was the seventh-place qualifier, wiped out Cory McClenathan in the first round with a track record-setting 4.448 seconds jaunt at 331.28 mph, but then he smoked the tires early in his second round race against Doug Kalitta, who coasted through to the finish line.

"It's a tough one to take," said the Chicago native, who held on to eighth-place in the points. "We made such a great pass in the first round and then I guess we just

overpowered the track against Kalitta. We just can't seem to get going this year."

It's the second straight race Schumacher, who is the defending NHRA POWERade world champion, was beaten by Kalitta.

"We've got to start developing some consistency," he added. "As I always say, we'll never quit. We'll come out swinging real hard in two weeks."

Brown, Sampey and Schumacher will next head for the Pontiac Performance Nationals May 18-21 at National Trail Raceway outside Columbus, Ohio.

Ornate box turtle lives slow life

By Carla Hurlbert

Fish and wildlife biologist

The ornate box turtle (*Terrapene ornata*) is a year-round resident of Fort Riley. In 1986, Kansas adopted the ornate box turtle as the state reptile.

The word "ornate" means elaborately decorated. Each shell segment (scute) is a year-round resident of Fort Riley. In 1986, Kansas adopted the ornate box turtle as the state reptile.

Box turtles are unique because of the hinge in the plastron which allows them to completely withdraw their legs, tail, head and neck within the shell for protection from predators.

The male and female box turtle are easy to distinguish by using their respective colors. Males have bright red or orange eyes. This color is usually present as well on the front legs, face and neck.

In the female, the color of these areas will resemble the yellow of the stripes on the shell. Females will be slightly larger than males of the same age, and the male's plastron will usually

be slightly concave.

If you look carefully at the scutes on the carapace, you will see annual growth rings.

Count up the growth rings to get a pretty good idea of their age.

Box turtles have been known to live more than 30 years.

Box turtles emerge from winter hibernation in early to late April. During hot weather, they seek shade and are generally most active after a rain.

Ornate box turtles are slow to mature. Males do not reach maturity until eight to nine years and females at 10 to 11.

This land-dwelling turtle prefers prairies and pastures to woodlands. They are active from April through October.

They begin their day by bask-



Carla Hurlbert

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ing in the sun. Once they warm up, they begin to search for food. A box turtle on the hunt is fun to observe. They have an earnest determination that is quite admirable. They prefer to eat insects, spiders, worms and some vegetarian fare such as berries.

They lay their eggs in early summer. The female will dig a hole with the strong, curved claws on her hind feet and lay two to eight brittle white eggs, and then cover the nest, sweeping away any trace of its existence.

Eggs incubate in the nest within 59 to 70 days. Hatchlings are nickel sized and may not actually leave the nest until the following year, digging deeper below the nest chamber to avoid freezing. For a short time after hatching, the shell is slightly flexible and the navel may be seen in the middle of the plastron.

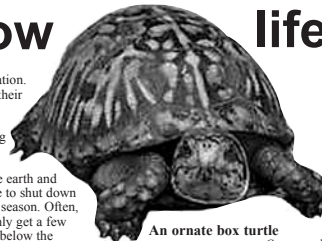
In autumn, the box turtle will seek a place to bury itself for

hibernation.

Using their stout claws, they dig themselves into the earth and prepare to shut down for the season. Often, they only get a few inches below the ground surface, but far enough to get them through the cold prairie winter.

Unfortunately, the shell does not protect box turtles from cars, which are a major cause of mortality when they try to cross roads. Be on the lookout for these slow moving animals as you motor across the Great Plains.

If you consider stopping and giving them a safe ride to the other side, park carefully of course, but also be sure to hold them away from you when you pick them up. They don't know you have good intentions and will usually empty their bladder.



An ornate box turtle
Courtesy photo

For more information:

For more information on this or other wildlife subjects, call the Conservation Office at 239-6211 or visit its Web site at www.riley.army.mil/Recreation/Outdoor/Fishing.

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Soccer champs

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A 1st Bn., 16th Inf., player kicks a penalty shot faced by a line of 1st Bn., 5th FA, defenders May 8 in the post championship soccer game. The Artillery defeated the Infantry 5-4.

the goalie when the ball got within scoring range.

Both teams also kept the field spread on offense, so players couldn't bunch up and surround whoever controlled the ball. With a lot of one-on-one situations, dribbling and passing skill helped the Artillery keep the ball in their opponent's half of the field for much of the first half.

The Artillery mounted a determined scoring effort late in the

first 25-minute half, attempting three good shots within the final five minutes of first period play.

Both goalies showed little fear in leaving the net unprotected in order to snag long kicks from their opponents, although Conaway played more aggressively that way than Drysdale did.

Conaway and Drysdale saved a couple of close goals apiece either by catching the kicks or batting the ball away from the net.

Infantry fans might have seen the championship trophy being handed their way late in the game, but the potential score got deflected. Drysdale leaped and tapped one likely score headed for the high right corner of the net, sending the ball over the top of the goal with about three minutes left to play in the second half.

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Post/Heronemus



Infantry goalie Ronald Conaway stops a 1st Bn., 5th FA, goal in front of Artillerymen Martin Zarate (left) and Michael Lynch. The 1st Bn., 16th Inf., lost the post championship 5-4 in a seven-shot shootout after the game ended in a 0-1 tie.

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third quarter on an 11-to-4 run. The Kuwaiti team got to within two points several times in the third quarter, but the U.S. team held on to a 53-49 lead by the end of the third quarter.

"The (Kuwaiti) ladies played really aggressive," Blue said. "We had to get into the flow and take our game up a notch to match the level of intensity they brought to the court."

The U.S. team began the fourth quarter with an 8-0 run to build a 12-point lead. The U.S. team was able to withstand a late Kuwaiti

push by getting the ball to center Christine Hines, who scored nine of her 16 points in the fourth quarter.

"They left the middle open for us, so we kept getting the ball down low to our big girls," Blue said.

After the game, both teams received awards for their performances from Sheikh's Naima and Fareha Al-Sabah, sisters to the emir of Kuwait. Also in attendance and thanking players were Maj. Gen. James A. Kelley, Third U.S. Army deputy commanding

general, Kuwait Brig. Gen. Khaleel Al-Shamali and Richard LeBaron, the U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait.

"We have a special bond and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our Kuwaiti counterparts," Kelley said. "We want to continue to do this in the future because this is a phenomenal chance for both of our countries to get together, enjoy each other and enjoy a great sporting activity."

Sgt. Robert Adams writes for the 11th Public Affairs Detachment.

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Musicians earn high ratings

Several Fort Riley Middle School students participated in the Wamego Invitational Band Festival May 5 and received high ratings for their performances. The festival is geared to middle school students with performances of solos and ensemble pieces.

Two students, Natalie Kelley and Cindy Malone, seventh-graders who play the clarinet, received an excellent rating of II.

Five students received a superior rating of I. They were: Kiara Ocasio, seventh-grade flute; Shannon Grammel, eighth-grade flute; Alexa Pappal, eighth-grade flute; Victoria Walder, eighth-grade clarinet; and Alexis Miskevish, seventh-grade trumpet.

All students received a certificate of achievement for their efforts. Students receiving a I rating received medals.

Quilt class set at crafts center

Quilting classes scheduled for May 20, June 24 and July 8 will show participants how to make a quilt using eight fat quarters. Stop in and see the sample. For more information, call 239-9205.

Guitar lessons set on post

Introduction to guitar, a beginners class for new guitar students, will be taught by Matt McCann on Wednesdays in the School Age Services Building.

Students ages 6 to 10 will have class from 6 to 6:25 p.m. and from 6:30 to 6:55 p.m. Students ages 11 to 18 will have class from 7 to 7:25 p.m. and from 7:30 to 7:55 p.m.

The first class was May 10. Lessons cost \$25 and \$30. Level two guitar classes for students completing the introduction to guitar will begin June 10 in the School Age Services Building and continue on Tuesdays. The instructor will be Austin Meek.

Students ages 6 to 10 will attend classes from 6 to 6:25 p.m. or from 6:30 to 6:55 p.m. Students ages 11 to 18 will attend classes from 7 to 7:25 p.m. or from 7:30 to 7:55 p.m.

Summer camp registration set

School Age Services will conduct summer camps for kindergartners through fifth-graders beginning May 30. The 11 one-week sessions will contain fun-filled activities, arts and crafts, swimming, games, bowling, skating, field trips, computers, math, science and more.

For more information or to register, call the Central Registration Office at 239-4847.

Commissary slates Fun Fest

A Family Fun Fest is planned at the Fort Riley commissary from noon to 7 p.m. July 15. Free food, games, live entertainment and giveaways are planned.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Army 101

Students experience Soldier life

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

About 80 elementary students from Junction City, Kan., got a morning introduction to life as a Soldier May 5.

Eight 101st Forward Support Battalion Soldiers served as squad leaders for the fourth- and fifth-grade students from Sheridan Elementary School as part of the battalion's open house for students in the morning and family members in the afternoon.

The student squads experienced a muddy convoy in "Humvees," moving through a dark room while wearing night vision goggles, watching medics treat simulated battle injuries, seeing how commanders set up a control center to direct battle activities, trying to march, testing their physical skills on an obstacle course and using the laser Weaponeer to test their marksmanship with an M-16.

Principal Nancy Hubbard summed up the whole morning as enjoyable and educational. She accompanied one of the student squads, also participating in the activities. Her squad had a lot of fun, she said, and from all the excited yells and laughter she heard as she went from station to station in the battalion's motor pool, Hubbard said there was no doubt all the students were really into the interaction with the Soldiers.

"It was really fun and kind of scary," Samantha Hurst said about trying to walk through the dark room. Four of her friends agreed it was a little scary because they bumped into things and one Soldier scared them by yelling and jumping at them. Most of the girls agreed the convoy ride in the "Humvees" was a lot more fun because it was a muddy trip, the wheels

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Sgt. John Bisio checks strap adjustments on night vision goggles worn by Sheridan Elementary School student Zachary Cochran while other 101st FSB Soldiers check the goggles on other students. The students wore the goggles into a dark room May 5 as part of the battalion's open house to acquaint the students with various aspects of military work and life.

Program fills chaplain slots on post

Mobilized Soldiers fulfill duty while serving close to home

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Melvin Stanley was looking for something closer to home.

After serving as a pastor of a United Methodist church in Kansas City for four years, he was called up and sent to Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark., for a year-long Homeland Security deployment.

Stanley wanted to find a place closer to home where he could serve. He heard there were temporary duty augmentation slots for Reservists at installations across the United States, and after contacting the Pentagon, found out he could switch from the National Guard to the Reserves. He could then mobilize at Fort Riley, much closer to home.

After Stanley made the switch to the Reserves and mobilized, the rules were changed to include mobilization of National Guard chaplains who had served a year in Iraq or for Homeland Security.

Mobilizing at Fort Riley

Now Stanley leads the effort to mobilize chaplains at Fort Riley. By the middle of April, after recruiting chaplains for a year, seven slots were filled. These were chaplains Fort Riley would not have without the mobilization program. The chaplains, ranging from captain to colonel, fulfill their year in Iraq and the rest of their time on post.

Stanley said chaplains could serve up to three full years of continuance following their initial

two-year mobilization, and he would continue to do this as long as he was allowed.

This method allows Stanley and others in similar situations to spend more time with their families while fulfilling their duties as chaplains.

In all cases, mobilized Reserve and National Guard chaplains at Fort Riley are given time each week to spend time with their families. It is not a normal situation, but because of the shortage of military chaplains, this is a sacrifice these chaplains are willing to make for their country, Stanley said.

Easing the shortage

The mobilization program was created to ease the military-wide chaplain shortage. Stanley said

the Global War on Terrorism has used many of the National Guard's and Reserves' assets, and numbers of National Guard chaplains in each state were exhausted.

"Many are working on their second or third year of deployment," he said.

Stanley mobilized for a one-year Homeland Security deployment to Arkansas and another tour with the 1st Armored Division during the first Gulf War. He has recruited two chaplains deployed to Iraq now to mobilize at Fort Riley upon their return this fall.

Mobilized chaplains at Fort Riley fill in where needed, such as in a unit waiting for its own chaplain. When Stanley first arrived, he said post chaplains were overwhelmed.

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Healthy lifestyles

Dietician explains successful goal orienteering

By Bethany Deschamps
Chief, Nutrition Care Division

"This year I am going to lose 25 pounds."

"Starting the first of the year, I am going to start my new diet and lose those five pounds I gained over Christmas."

"After the New Year, I am going to start exercising."

Each New Year, many people set resolutions, solutions put in place to solve a



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problem. Four of five people who make New Year's resolutions do not stick to them more than six weeks. Why such bad odds?

Most people who set resolutions simply go about it the wrong way or with the wrong mentality. When setting resolutions, use goal-orienting, a seven-step process that helps people achieve goals or resolutions.

Step No. 1: Set a clear, specific goal that must be achieved. Is it to decrease body fat? Lose bodyweight? Eat a balanced diet? As soon as a specific resolution is determined, write it down. When resolutions are written down, they ignite a

success mechanism in the brain that will help with overall achievement of a goal.

Step No. 2: Set a definite date for achieving the resolution and commit to it. Again, write this date down.

Step No. 3: Break down larger resolutions into sub-resolutions. Sometimes the achievement of a major resolution can seem far more difficult to achieve than a

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Community news briefly

Youth Services offers childcare

Fort Riley Child and Youth Services provides free Saturday childcare from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on specified dates for families of deployed Soldiers and Soldiers who have returned within the past three months.

Free childcare will be provided May 6 and 20 at School Age Services, Building 5810, and the Child Development Center, Building 6950. Participants must register in advance by noon the prior Thursday.

For more information or to register, call 239-9220 for SAS or 239-9935 for CDC.

Students receive scholarships

The Scholarship for Military Children program has awarded 500 students \$1,500 scholarships to apply toward college tuition this fall. Mark Derby, Fort Riley commissary store director, announced the local winners recently. They are Jared Bowyer from Fort Riley and Angel Romero from Milford, Kan. Both attend Junction City High School.

News dads can attend 'boot camp'

On Tuesday, May 23rd, 2006 at the Family Network Learning Center in the basement of the Municipal Building will offer a class for fathers-to-be from 6 to 9 p.m. May 23.

"Boot Camp for New Dads" is a national program designed to help rookie dads who are expecting their first baby feel comfortable with their upcoming new infant. These rookie dads will be assisted by veteran dads and their babies.

The three-hour class will focus on the changing roles and responsibilities of a man becoming a father, ways in which he can support his mate and new moon and hands-on skills of caring for an infant.

Veteran dads will demonstrate burping, swaddling, changing diapers, etc. and provide the rookies an opportunity to handle the baby.

Other topics for discussion include safety issues, preventing child abuse, bonding, balancing work and family and forming a parenting team.

For more information or to register, call Kathy Williams in the Innovations in Schools and Community office at 717-4021 or send e-mail to Jim Williams at jimwilliams@usd475.org.

Post blood drive scheduled

The Red Cross Blood drive will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 16 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 17 at Riley's Conference Center. Donors receive a free T-shirt.

For more information, call 784-1000. To make an appointment, call 800-GIVE-LIFE.

Chaplaincy adds liturgical service

Worship opportunities at Fort Riley now include a service in the Liturgical Protestant tradition.

The one-hour service begins at 9 a.m. in historic St. Mary's Chapel, 3 Barry Avenue.

For more information, contact the pastor, Chaplain (Maj.) Greg Thogmartin at 239-5711 or call the Installation Chaplain's Office at 239-3359.

Adult readers to discuss book

Fort Riley's adult readers group will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Thursday of each month to discuss a selected book. For more information or to join the group, call 239-5305.

Conference set for post families

National speaker Tom Nelson will conduct a marriage conference for military couples from 7 to 10 p.m. May 19 and from 9 a.m. to noon May 20 at Riley's Conference Center.

His topic will be "What Your Mate Thought You Meant When You Said, 'I Do.'"

The conference is free but tickets are required. See a unit chaplain for tickets or call Don Ericson at 239-0979.

Limited on-site childcare will be available for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old. To reserve childcare space, call Lisa Ramsey at 239-4814. All children will need to have proof of immunizations.

Yearly female exams offered

The Irwin Army Community Hospital gynecology clinic has set aside May 18 and 19 for Pap smear, pelvic and breast exams. The clinic also will conduct birth control consultations on those days.

"Our desire is to reach all women in our community who have not had these exams in over a year. We want to ensure they have the opportunity to get their well-woman gynecological care in a timely manner," said Capt. Meedlen Charles, M.D., obstetrics and gynecology staff physician.

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smaller portion of that major resolution.

For example, a major resolution may be to lose 50 pounds by the end of the New Year. The end of the year is 364 days away and 50 pounds is a lot of weight. Break it down to losing the first 15 pounds by March 31. The amount of weight to lose is not as great and the deadline is not as far away.

Step No. 4: Measure progress and make corrections in actions as necessary. Assess progress in ways that can be measured.

For example, for weight loss, an easy way to assess progress is to weigh weekly. Write down each weight and then over time look back to assess progress.

If no progress is made, evaluate actions that were taken to lose weight and make changes to these actions. Actions may have been changing diet or activity level. If progress is being made, continue actions.

What happens if the resolution is not achieved by the set date? Failure?

Definitely not. As long as there is progress toward achieving the resolution set, there is success. If the resolution is not achieved by the set date, simply

re-evaluate strategies and adjust them accordingly.

Step No. 5: Create compelling motivation. Most people set resolutions but do not take them seriously. They never savor the gratification of achieving resolutions because just wanting something is not enough to create the burning desire to achieving it. Compelling reasons must be established for why there is desire to achieve a resolution.

Start by listing all the reasons why the resolution must be achieved. Come up with enough reasons to propel the necessary daily actions to achieve what is desired. Next, list all the things that would happen if the resolution set was not achieved. Don't be afraid to create a little fear and think of long-term consequences, not just short term.

Step No. 6: Use the most powerful tool of all for achievement of a resolution; the subconscious mind. The subconscious mind is a resolution machine that can achieve anything. Everyone eventually achieves their subconscious desires, even if they are failures.

A familiar example for the

subconscious mind is the story of the "Little Engine That Could." If you think you can, you will. If you think you can't, you won't.

Consistent positive thoughts and visualization will channel positive energy to the subconscious mind to produce positive actions. Instead of saying, "I only lost 1 pound this week. I will never reach my goal," say, "I lost 1 pound this week and that is 1 pound closer to my goal. I can feel myself getting thinner!"

When looking into the mirror, don't criticize what is seen, visualize what is desired.

Step No. 7: Believe in yourself. Know success is in the future and nothing can stop achievement. Persevere. Know there will be obstacles in the road to success but nothing that cannot be overcome. Setbacks are allowed; failure is not.

When setting those resolutions, do so with goal-orientation at the forefront of that resolution. If weight-loss or dietary changes are one of this year's resolutions, feel free to contact me or another Nutrition Care Division dietitian at 239-7644.

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"We provide a significant amount of support," he said.

Fort Riley and especially Chap. (Col.) Kenneth Sampson, the installation chaplain, have been supportive of the mobilized chaplain program, Stanley said.

Without Sampson's support and flexibility, mobilized chaplains wouldn't be able to do what

they do, Stanley said.

"We love our country, we love the Soldiers and the families we support, and we love our families," he said.

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Community news briefly

Spouses' club to meet in city

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club's May luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. May 18 at the Junction City Country Club. The menu will include a choice of chicken salad with almonds on a croissant or a chicken Caesar wrap. Both choices are served with chips, a fruit cup and cherry pie.

For childcare reservations, contact the reservations chair at 784-2793.

OCSC also will be holding a Crazy Golf Tournament at Custer Hill Golf Course on May 21.

Massages offered at Field House

Massages are being offered in King Field House. Some sessions specialize in Swedish and pregnancy massages.

Cost is \$18 for 30 minutes, \$35 for an hour and \$48 for 90 minutes.

Call 210-7656 to make an appointment.

Organization collects for dads

Operation Holidays is collecting items for deployed Soldiers in honor of Father's Day. Packages will be shipped June 10.

Items the organization will be collecting to send to deployed dads are Post-It brand picture paper printed with pictures of their children and phone cards.

Spouses can e-mail their children's pictures to kathy@operationholidays.com along with the Soldier's name to have them printed. Pictures need to be received no later than May 31.

Operation Holidays would also like to offer gift certificates to spouses of deployed Soldiers in the states for these holidays.

For more information on where to send donations, contact Kathy Alvarez at kathy@operationholidays.com or (785) 375-2086.

College fair set on post

A college fair is being planned from 3 to 6 p.m. June 3 at the Fort Riley Teen Center, Building 5800.

Colleges expected to attend include Barton County Community College, Central Texas Community College, Kansas State University, Upper Iowa University and other local schools.

The fair will provide high school seniors and juniors information about each school's programs.

For more information, call 239-9222.

Support Center lists activities

The Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264 on Normandy Drive, will host the following activities:

May 16 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., first term Soldier financial readiness class

May 17 – 9 to 11:30 a.m., checkbook management, banking services and basic budget development class

May 17 – 1:30 to 3 p.m., Permanent change of station orientation for Soldiers being assigned to overseas areas other than Germany or Korea.

May 18 – 6 to 8 p.m., Family Readiness Group Leader class for new FRG leaders and commanders covering the do's and don'ts of operating an effective FRG. Pre-registration is required. Free childcare will be available. Call 239-9435 to register.

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Got a tip about events happening in your unit? Call the editor at 239-8854. Let's talk.

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Ferdinand is a 1-year-old domestic shorthair male gray tabby mix. His previous owners adopted him as a stray about 1 year ago and gave him up because he likes to kill birds in their yard. He is harness trained, neutered and up-to-date on all this shots. Ferdinand is lovable, affectionate and would make a great companion. The cost to adopt Ferdinand is \$15 for his microchip and \$20 for his feline leukemia test.

Fort Riley Stray Facility
Building 226 Custer Ave.,
Main Post
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Monday through Friday
Phone: (785) 239-3886.



Post/Heronemus

Sheridan Elementary School student Travis Koster wraps a bandage around mock injuries to the arm of Pfc. Andre Yaceczko in the field medical station set up for the 101st FSB Open House May 5. Watching Koster and offering advice on what to do is Sgt. 1st Class Paul Russell (left) and Spec. Christopher Monteith (rear right).

Open house

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would spin and the Soldiers drove between trees so close together their branches slapped the sides of the vehicles.

Hubbard said she was amazed at the communications technology and at how the Soldiers could keep track of where everyone is and that was what impressed her most. What the Soldiers demonstrated, even when marching, was that it takes education to do things well, she said. She hoped the students would take that lesson back to school with them.

"We'll be emphasizing that later," she said, but admitted that the students would probably be talking most about "what's on our faces," pointing to the camouflage paint she was wearing, and about riding in the "Humvees," shooting the Weaponeer and even trying to march — all the fun interactive things the battalion had provided.

"We're glad we got to do it," Hubbard said. The trip was difficult to schedule because of conflicting state assessment testing, said Lt. Col. Christopher McCurry, battalion commander.

"It was hard to schedule buses at the end of the year," Hubbard added.

The open house came after several months of reviving a school sponsorship program between the 101st FSB and Sheridan Elementary, McCurry said. Each battalion on post is assigned a school to sponsor, he explained.

McCurry sends 11 of his Soldiers to Sheridan every Wednesday to help out 2 1/2 hours. They help students with their class work and spend some non-class time with them at lunch.

"All the students look forward to the Soldiers coming every week," Hubbard said. "There's at least one Soldier for each classroom."

The sponsorship and interaction between the Soldiers and the students is important, Hubbard said, "because we're right here, (the post and Soldiers) are part of the community."

Mike Heronemus can be contacted at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or 239-8854.

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, May 12, 2006

Leisure time ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

May 12 — Stay Alive (PG-13) 85 Min

May 13 — Inside Man (R) 129 Min

May 14 — Basic Instinct2 (R) 114 Min

May 18 — Slither (R) 96 Min

May 19 — ATL (PG-13) 107 Min

May 20 — Ice Age 2 (PG) 90 Min

May 21 — Take the Lead (PG-13) 108 Min

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Get away and explore Kansas. Following are just a few examples of events and festivals taking place in Kansas.

Wichita:

What: River festival. Nine days of entertainment, food and fun for the entire family.

This is the 35th anniversary of the largest special event in the state of Kansas. Festival includes outdoor concerts, arts and crafts, parade, games and activities, traveling exhibits, food and fireworks along the Arkansas River.

When: May 12-20

Where: Downtown

Phone: (316) 267-2817 or (877) 267-2817

Topeka:

What: Painted Ponies and Little Heroes. Mother's Day event for families features paint stick ponies, "Jesse James" and a pony ride. It's all part of the special exhibit, Blazing Guns and Rugged Heroes: Kansas in the West-erns!

When: May 14

Where: 6425 SW 6th Ave., Kansas History Museum

Phone: (785) 272-8681

Web site: <http://www.kshs.org/places/museum.htm>

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By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Two years ago, when Staff Sgt. Trinidad Gutierrez, 70th Engineer Battalion, got home from Operation Iraqi Freedom, his family took a Disney vacation and cruise. They loved it so much they decided to go back again when he returned from his second deployment, only this time they would stay longer.

The couple booked both of their Disney vacations through the Leisure Travel Center, Information, Ticketing and Registration office at Fort Riley and said they would recommend ITR and a Disney Cruise to anyone.

The second time around Gutierrez, his wife, Heidi, and son, Ryan extended their vacation to a full week at the park and a full week cruise.

"My wife is from a big Disney family; it's kind of engrained in her blood," Gutierrez said. "After 15 years of marriage and two deployments to Iraq with no incidents, the couple also decided to renew their wedding vows on the Disney cruise, Heidi said. They had a private ceremony with the ship's captain and a photographer who took them around the ship snapping photos for two hours, Gutierrez said.

For the kids, Ryan and cousin Rebecca Moore, who also went on the vacation, there were activ-

ities every day and on-shore excursions specifically geared for kids in different age groups.

"Everything on a Disney cruise is Disney, so you have lots of Mickey and Minnie and that sort of thing," said Fort Riley ITR Manager Teresa Mayes. "If there's a family that's interested in going and the couple wants to enjoy dinner that night by themselves, they have programs that are planned for the children and they can have their meal at that, which gives the husband and wife a little time to do their own thing."

Another advantage to cruising, Mayes said, is that there is so much more to see with port stops. Some cruises have four to five stops.

The Gutierrezes stopped at a few ports on their sea-faring adventure. During stops at Key West, Costa Maya, Grand Cay-

man and the Disney private island Castaway Keys, the family toured Mayan ruins and visited a sea turtle farm, among other things.

Gutierrez said he's been telling everyone about the trip. His advice to future travelers, "don't forget to pack something nice to wear" for a more formal dinner night on the cruise.

Heidi said the family has always planned their vacations through ITR and she is actually working on a trip in September to visit family. Gutierrez said they haven't had any problems book-

ing through ITR. "We've been happy with our vacations and they've done a pretty good job of getting us what we wanted."

For active duty Soldiers, retirees, reserve and National Guard and Department of Defense civilians, ITR can help plan trips to just about anywhere.

Mayes said the first step when coming in to look for a destination and book a vacation is to check out some of the brochures. "We kind of tailor it to what their needs are," she said. "Some people absolutely don't want to cruise, so we have all-inclusive packages instead."

It helps to at least have

a range of dates in mind, Mayes said. The dates often determine prices on things, such as cruises.

Another deal currently available through ITR is a five-night trip to Sydney or Melbourne, Australia, for \$838 per person. The package price includes round-trip air travel and five nights accommodations in either city.

That's really a good deal, Mayes said, oftentimes air fare alone is at least \$800.

For customers who aren't looking to sun themselves on exotic beaches or sail the seven seas, ITR can also help with destinations closer to home. Often, Soldiers and their families plan short trips over four-day weekends and training holidays.

ITR offers tickets to amusement parks, such as Six Flags, Worlds of Fun and Sea World. In fact, Busch Gardens is offering complimentary tickets to their parks, which includes Sea World. "As far in advance as they can plan the better, but we do a lot of last-minute trips,"

Trinidad Gutierrez holds a sea turtle at a port stop during his family's Disney cruise.

Courtesy photo



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